



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

5:00 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Committee attendees included: Polly Andersen, Amy Stielow, Dr. Edmund Chute, Lauren Lindelof and Lily Nothom.

Wayzata city staff member: Nick Kieser, Parks Planner

Attendees via Zoom: Councilmember, Jeff Buchanan and Energy Smart Representative, Kevin Smart

2. Approve Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda as shown. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approve October 26, 2021 Minutes

The Committee approved the draft meeting minutes as shown. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Presentation from Energy Smart

Kevin Zickert, Program Coordinator at Energy Smart, provided information that Energy Smart is a non-profit program that improves energy efficiency for businesses and is affiliated with the MN Chamber of Commerce. The program helps businesses complete audits and provide information to help make energy efficiency upgrades. The company reviews utility bills, identify business goals, and completes an on-site inspection. Staff helps to ensure that equipment qualifies for rebates and is energy efficient along with assisting in the rebate application process.

Frequently, businesses do not know where to start to become more energy efficiency which is where Energy Smart provides expertise in. Types of rebates include, lighting and controls, cooling, refrigeration, heating, steam traps, and other custom rebates. To promote this program, Cities are doing cost share and matches for certain programs for businesses that go through the Energy Smart process. Business owners should reach out to Energy Smart to sign up for the audits.

The Committee discussed to help promote Energy Smart in Wayzata through multiple outlets. The Committee will also work to set up an Energy Smart Blitz during a specific week in March which will help to provide direct outreach to businesses.

5. Review Municipal Solar Proposals

Staff and the Committee reviewed the municipal solar proposals from All Energy Solar, Blue Horizon, and Cedar Creek Energy. The Committee agreed that the proposals require more time to review and some additional information, specifically on the funding aspect of the proposals, so the Committee tabled the review of the proposals to the next meeting.

Staff also noted that the City signed the Solar Statement with SolSmart to conduct the Zoning review. The purpose of the review will be to determine what changes are necessary in the Zoning Code, permitting, and training of staff to allow renewable energy in Wayzata.

6. Update on Residential Strategy

The Committee create a motion to approve a buy-down program of the first 25 HES visits by \$50. Approved 5-0.

The residential team will meet in February to discuss how to create materials and advertise the buy-down program.

7. Update on Business Energy Savings Campaign

Councilmember Buchanan stated that he is following up with the businesses to urge them to complete energy audits. Energy Smart will now also be used as a tool to perform business audits since it is a free and efficient tool.

Committee member Nothom volunteered to record a video for the Wayzata Chamber to be included in their 511 newsletter. Staff will work with Nothom the upcoming week to record the video and send out to the Chamber.

8. Update on Multi-Family Strategy

Committee members Andersen and Lindelof will start handing out the LED rental kits in February. The Committee reviewed the multi-family flyer and agreed to include the flyer with the rental kit giveaways.

9. Update on Municipal Strategy

Staff gave an update that the EV fleet study agreement was signed by the City and Sawatch Labs. The equipment to conduct the study will be sent to City Hall for the City to install in the vehicles noted to track.

Staff plans to propose the building audit recommendations in the 2023 operating budget and the CIP.

10. Discuss 2022 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2022 work plan and decided this was a good direction of the Committee. No changes were proposed to the 2022 work plan.

11. Sustainability Logo

The Committee reviewed the proposed sustainability logo. A motion was passed 5-0 to use this logo for materials created and put out by the Committee. The only change requested was to remove the word "Climate" from the business sustainability logo.

12. Tree Event

Committee members Chute and Stielow will help to organize the Tree Event which is planned for Saturday, April 23rd during the early afternoon. The event will have an educational presenter, a nursery to complete tree orders, and possibly a food truck.

13. Additional Updates on Energy Action Plan

No additional updates.

14. Lectures, Workshops, and Webinars

No additional updates.

15. Next Meeting - TBD

Next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, February 10.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.