



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022

5:00 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Wayzata city staff member: Nick Kieser, Parks Planner

Councilmember: Councilmember, Jeff Buchanan

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve January 25, 2022 Minutes

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

4. Appoint Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Chair Andersen was nominated and elected to be Chair for the year of 2022. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee decided to vote on Vice Chair until the position is discussed with every Committee member present.

The Secretary position will be a rotating position for the Board members. Staff will create a list for the rotating schedule.

5. Review Municipal Solar Proposals

The Committee discussed additional materials/information that would be helpful to review the solar proposals. Councilmember Buchanan, Chair Andersen, and staff will meet to put together a list of items to send to the solar companies. Based on the information gathered, additional review by the Committee will take place at the March meeting.

6. Update on Residential Strategy

The main item for the residential strategy is the Home Energy Squad buy-downs of the first 25 audits for residents. Staff will work with CEE and HES to create this program and promote the buy-downs through City media outlets.

7. Update on Business Energy Savings Campaign

Councilmember Buchanan gave an update on the Business Blitz that will be held by Energy Smart. The Blitz will be from March 14-18. Buchanan will be speaking at the March 3 Chamber meeting for additional education on the program. Staff will be sending out promotion materials before the Blitz so that businesses know that Energy Smart will be around that week for auditing.

8. Discuss Sustainability Champion Logo

The Committee reviewed the draft Sustainability Champion Logo. The one proposed change discussed was to add the year that the logo is given to a business to the logo. The Committee decided to adopt the logo as shown in the packet with no changes. Motion passed 5-0.

To have a business receive the logo, they must complete a building audit then complete one of the recommendations from the audit, sign up for WindSource, or participate in a solar garden.

9. Update on Multi-Family Strategy

Chair Andersen and Committee Member Lindelof will start to hand out the rental LED kits to multi-family tenants. More information on multi-family resources could be put on the City website to be available to tenants. Lindelof noted that there are additional resources that could be available for multi-family building owners to place EV infrastructure in their buildings.

10. Update on Municipal Strategy

Staff noted that the device installations are almost complete for the EV fleet study. Once the installations are complete then a meeting will be set up with the consultant, Sawatch Labs, to kick-off the data gathering. The data will be collected over a period of three months.

Staff noted that SolSmart has performed their zoning review in regards to solar capability in Wayzata. Staff will continue to update the Committee on any additional review and future recommendations.

11. Tree Event

The Committee discussed having an educational tree event to be scheduled in the fall of 2022. A large focus for the tree event would revolve around sustainable landscaping and maintenance. Saving energy was a major focus of the Committee as part of the Energy Action Plan. Since the EAP is coming to an end soon more focus could be put on sustainable water use. Partners around this topic could be the Watershed District, Lake Minnetonka Garden Club, etc.

12. Additional Updates on Energy Action Plan

No additional updates.

13. Lectures, Workshops, and Webinars

No additional updates.

14. Next Meeting – March 29, 2022

Next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 29.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.