



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Thursday, January 19, 2023

4:30 PM

Grandad Room

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Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Dorothy Lenard, Cathy Van Maren, Casey Meehan, Susanna Hanson, Mackenzie Mindel

Approval of Minutes

Lenard motioned to approve the minutes, Hanson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [23-0092](#) Accept Code of Ethics

Attachments: [Municipal Code of Ethics](#)

Staff also mentioned that everyone's term expired in December and while they are able to continue on, committee members should indicate whether they would like to be reappointed or not. Staff also inquired about the interest in increasing the number of committee members, which would require a resolution; the consensus was positive.

All committee members have read the code of ethics.

- 2 [23-0097](#) Climate Action Plan priorities from the Steering Committee

Staff requested actions from the plan to recommend for the mayor's year one

implementation plan. CM Sleznikow suggested inviting the mayor to the steering committee meetings. Meehan pointed out the top ten actions on page 7 (0-6). With about 280 actions to accomplish in 7 years, the City would need to average 40 actions per year. The steering committee could include the top ten and around 30 more for the implementation plan. Van Maren mentioned that there are some actions that work well together and should be implemented at the same time. Hanson said that grant opportunities could inform what actions the City takes. The plan could be flexible for when opportunities arise, but is need to give structure to the efforts of City staff.

- 3 [23-0093](#) Direction on Energy Innovation Grant Program application (due 1/30) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Attachments: [Website](#)

Staff will be working with Xcel Energy on an application for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Battery Energy Storage System; staff proposed a second application for planning electric vehicle charging infrastructure for municipal vehicles (The plan contains a recommended action to have 50% of light- and medium-duty fleet vehicles be EVs by 2030, so about 80 EVs). Committee consensus was in support.

Staff will send more information on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECGB) program.

- 4 [22-1531](#) Request for Proposals for Grant Services

Attachments: [RFP for Grant Services \(Jan 2023\)](#)

Staff provided an overview of the request for proposals and an updated timeline.

Lenard motioned for approval, Van Maren seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Hanson requested suggestions for speakers for the local ASHRAE conference in May. Steering committee members suggested Project Drawdown staff that are in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Staff notified committee of Salt Awareness Week, 1/23-27

Van Maren reminded committee about Transit Equity Days, 1/30-2/3

Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:28 pm.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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