



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Monday, August 12, 2024

4:30 PM

Eagle Room

This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/89556262687?pwd=TmzYMQRWEj7sOuWitzv04sLbpMOYp5.1>

Meeting ID: 895 5626 2687 Passcode: 102161

Join by Phone: +1-507-473-4847

Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Dorothy Lenard, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Stephanie Hanna, Adam Jacobson

Excused: 2 - Casey Meehan, Andrew Ericson

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Heneghan, seconded by Lenard, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

Notices and Discussion

*The Sierra Club is hosting an online discussion about IRA rebates on 9/24 @ 7pm.
The La Crosse Transit Advocates are hosting a Week Without Driving on 9/30-10/6.*

Agenda Items:

- 1 [24-1126](#) Discussion on Youth Climate Action Fund application and selection.

Staff reviewed guidance on scoring and thanked judges for their help, including those not on the committee - Cathy Van Maren, Erin Duffer, Erin Smith, and Jenna Dinkel. Four applications were for different aspects of the same project, so staff advised to fund the top scoring one and ask the other 3 applicants to develop a new proposal. There would be \$2,200 remain in grant funds.

A motion was made by Lenard, seconded by Hanna, that the grant applications be approved, except for the three lower scoring Habitat for Humanity projects. The motion carried by voice vote.

2 [24-0065](#) Working Group Updates

Working group 1 had researched enclosed bike parking requirements and needs follow up from staff for direction.

Working group 2 is reviewing supplemental guides to Climate Action Plan. The guides do not address material reuse. In other news, the State was awarded \$139 million for energy efficiency rebates, which can be stacked with tax credits.

Working group 3 is researching equitable tree distribution, but was unable to meet in July due to scheduling conflicts.

3 [24-0067](#) Outreach & Engagement Update

CAP Instagram account is up and running @caplacrosse. Staff worked with Paul Nicholas to develop a posting calendar. They will collaborate on a press release announcing awardees for YCAF in September, and an open house for ADU design competition in November.

Bright Action is hiring a replacement outreach coordinator to help La Crosse. They're looking to kick off a carbon free challenge with school district and City employees in the Fall; possibly follow up to do a challenge with UWL.

Forward Together canvassed about housing rehab program and IRA incentives in anticipation of EIGP home energy audits.

Heneghan shared work with Ericson to put together outreach that connects conservation and zoning advocates. They are putting together presentation for Spring and are looking at feedback from groups like the Nature Place and Sustainability Institute in the Fall.

Mindel shared that the School District completed a greenhouse gas inventory and will be working on measuring vehicle miles traveled for operations.

Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 9/9 and agenda items may include working group and grant updates.

Adjournment

Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

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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