



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Monday, December 11, 2023

4:30 PM

Eagle Room

This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/83963386607?pwd=QlkvVG1EMm8vK2d6aXFrdWgyYXNaZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6338 6607 Passcode: 419317

Join by Phone: +1-305-224-1968

Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Dorothy Lenard, Cathy Van Maren, Casey Meehan, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Andrew Ericson, Ronald Cosby II

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Cosby, that these Minutes be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

Notices and Discussion

Mayor Reynolds shared a recap of his COP28 attendance, highlighting sub national action and increasing opportunities for youth engagement.

Mindel shared that the Climate Action Plan won an award from the Sustainability Institute.

Van Maren announced Talking Transit event at South Side Neighborhood Center on 12/14.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [23-1460](#) Discussion and Action on Xcel Energy Fleet Electrification Advisory Program.

Attachments: [Proposal](#)

Staff provided overview. Telematics helps determine which vehicles would make good candidates for EV conversion and what the payback period would be. Staff will share

which vehicles are being studied and look into whether leased vehicles are paid for out of the operating budget or capital budget.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Lenard, that this Proposal be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

2 [23-1446](#)

Discussion and Action on Budget Proposal for Reducing Commercial Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal](#)

Cosby provided an overview. Ericson asked about the effectiveness of cost share. Cosby said easiest project is LED retrofits.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Meehan, that this Proposal be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

3 [23-1455](#)

Discussion and Action on Budget Proposal for Increasing Transit Frequency.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal](#)

Van Maren provided overview focusing on community engagement. Heneghan asked how funding for promotion can be combined.

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

4 [23-1456](#)

Discussion and Action on Budget Proposal for Fleet Electrification.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal](#)

Van Maren provided overview.

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

5 [23-1454](#)

Discussion and Action on Budget Proposal for Home Energy Audits.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal](#)

Ericson and Heneghan provided overview. Cosby asked how incentive would work.

A motion was made by Cosby II, seconded by Van Maren, that this Proposal be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

6 [23-1464](#)

Discussion and Action on Budget Proposal for Green Infrastructure.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal](#)

Lenard provided overview. Mindel asked if there would be donated funds.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Heneghan, that this Proposal be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

7 [23-1465](#)

Discussion and Action on Budget Proposal for Gray Infrastructure.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal](#)

Lenard provide overview, including La Crosse urban stormwater group involvement.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Heneghan, that this Proposal be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 8 [23-1457](#) Discussion and Action on Proposal for 2022 and 2023 GHG Inventory.

Attachments: [GHG Inventory Proposal](#)

Staff shared proposal from Anders Olson.

A motion was made by Lenard, seconded by Ericson, that this Proposal be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 9 [23-1458](#) Discussion and Action on Sustainability Institute Request for Sponsorship.

Attachments: [Support Request](#)

Staff shared request for \$1000 or more. Van Maren suggested programming around the climate action plan at the Earth Fair.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Cosby II, that this Request be APPROVED at the amount of \$3,000. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 10 [23-1459](#) Discussion and Action on Canopy Electrification Platform.

Attachments: [Pricing Table](#)
 [Presentation Slides](#)
 [Demo Webpage](#)

- 11 [23-1466](#) Discussion and Action on Drift Cycle Sponsorship.

Ericson recused himself. CM Sleznikow notified committee of Drift Cycle presentation at the next Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

- 12 [23-1467](#) Discussion and Action on Request to Fund Sustainability Partnership Mailing

Heneghan recused herself. Staff provided information. Cosby would prefer another form of communication.

Next Meeting / Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 1/8. Agenda items may include any revisions to proposals and additional consideration of not-approved spending proposals.

Adjournment

Mindel adjourned the meeting at 6:25 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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