



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Monday, May 12, 2025

4:00 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

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Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Andrew Ericson, Stephanie Hanna, Dorothy Lenard, Mackenzie Mindel

Excused: 3 - Natalie Heneghan, Adam Jacobson, Casey Meehan

Approval of Minutes

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

Notices and Discussion

Staff shared report on Habitat for Humanity's Dumpster Diversion Program (<https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/dumpster-diversion-pilot-program/>), updated on Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grant, discussed WEDC grants, gathered data for microgrid feasibility study with the County and Western Technical College, discussing piggybacking on City's housing programs to promote home energy audit program, hosted virtual Solar Power Hour and will have an in-person event soon. Ericson requested Grow Solar La Crosse marketing materials. Mindel asked about specific WEDC grants; Emslie is pursuing vibrant community grant. Direct pay data gathering for City solar projects is in progress and Forward Together Wisconsin hosted an event on direct pay.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [25-0553](#) Elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Ericson nominated Mindel for chairperson, Lenard seconded. There were no other nominations and the motion carried by acclamation.

Lenard nominated Ericson for vice chairperson. There were no other nominations and the motion carried by acclamation.

- 2 [25-0539](#) Report on City-wide and Municipal Greenhouse Gas Inventories for 2023 - Anders Olson

Attachments: [Report](#)

Anders Olson presented report. Ericson asked about methane capture at wastewater treatment plant; staff will request update. When that goes online, we should see a reduction in WWTP emissions. Ericson asked about difficulty of reducing emissions from transportation. Anders broke down commuter data and vehicle fuel efficiency. Mindel suggested focusing on a specific sector at future meetings.

- 3 [25-0427](#) Youth Climate Action Fund Micro-Grant Application Review and Selection

Applicant was available to answer questions. Staff reported that the application meets all the eligibility requirements.

Hanna motioned to approve grant application, Lenard seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- 4 [25-0295](#) Climate Action Plan Implementation Update

Attachments: [Slides](#)

This is an annual review of the implementation plan to decide any broad changes. Ericson had suggested focus on zoning recommendations in the plan to dovetail with the zoning code update. There are about thirty actions; staff needs to synthesize. Mindel asked for dates and times of zoning code update engagement; all information is on ForwardLaCrosse.org. Mindel requests that LEED for Cities recommendations be incorporated as well. Staff shared idea for workshop, to share what organizations in the city are doing to transition to EVs. Staff also mentioned possibility of getting City Hall parking lot EV ready. Ericson asked about adding action on organics diversion. Olson does not have a comprehensive data source at the city level for organics but is making the most of data available. Mindel would like to consider a policy tool to get better data and asked about measuring weight of hauling organics in terms of emissions vs. backyard composting. Olson mentioned the Leaf It! Initiative as a good example, and shared that some communities use WWTP break down organics.

- 5 [25-0529](#) Department of Energy's Energy Saving Performance Contract Campaign Case Study on La Crosse

Attachments: [La Crosse ESPC Case Study](#)

Next Meeting / Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 6/9. Agenda items may include a review of YCAF applications, WWTP update, Parks' sustainability program overview, discussion on GHG emissions by sector, and implementation plan amendments.

Adjournment

Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:07 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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