



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Monday, April 13, 2026

4:00 PM

Eagle Room

Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Dorothy Lenard, Casey Meehan, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Stephanie Hanna, Lauren Fortin

Excused: 1 - Andrew Ericson

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Meehan, seconded by Hanna, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Notices and Discussion

Leslie Brandt notified the committee about Bolton & Menk's progress on the zoning code review memo. Brandt will be presenting the final draft in May. Staff notified the committee that the Great Plains Institute's Charging Smart funding for technical assistance has been restored. US Solar has submitted proposals to Xcel Energy for solar farms and once those are decided the committee can get an update on a potential power purchase agreement. Heneghan shared about Housing Week, May 3-9. Meehan reminded the committee of Earth Fair on 4/29 at Myrick Park and Green Goose Chase Kickoff at that Pump House on 4/17 from 4-6 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [26-0207](#) Request for funding of portable bicycle & pedestrian counters - Jenna Dinkel

Attachments: [Presentation Slides](#)

Jenna Dinkel and Sami Meyers presented their request and its relevance to the Climate Action Plan. Lenard asked what grants we would be able to apply for with this data; Dinkel gave the example of need for baseline data for Transportation Alternative Programs where she received about \$600,000 for the Avon St. Greenway. Meehan got clarification that this is a one-time request. Dinkel and Meyers addressed Hanna's concerns about vandalism and counter ruggedness. One goal would be to have counts be publicly accessible. Dinkel and Meyers may return if matching funds from the County are not secured.

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

- 2 [26-0335](#) Energy Saving Performance Contract Phase 3, Year 2 Measurement & Verification Report - Doug Carlson

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Presentation Slides](#)

Doug Carlson did a presentation. Staff gave an overview of phase 4. Mindel requested more information on savings from salt chlorination system at Erickson Pool. Phase 4 extended the term of the performance contract, so there are a few more years to do projects. Carlson explained how performance contracts are funded.

- 3 [26-0376](#) Youth Climate Action Fund La Crosse's Impact Presentation

Attachments: [Presentation Slides](#)

Staff shared slides from Bloomberg and an update on round 3.

- 4 [26-0411](#) Grant Services Update and Request to Pursue Energy Innovation Grant Program

Attachments: [EIGP Webpage](#)

Staff provided an update. Mayor Shaundel requested nomination of projects Mayors' Climate Protection Awards. Staff submitted two. The Energy Innovation Grant Program opened in April and goes through June 30. Staff requested support for pursuing the implementation of a microgrid for the Main Library, which was one building included in the EIGP-funded microgrid feasibility study.

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

- 5 [26-0412](#) Climate Action Communication Plan Update

Attachments: [Communication Plan \(Jan. 2026\)](#)

Staff talked about the newsletter and legislative challenges for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Staff will have BINGO cards about the climate action communications plan. Heneghan made some suggestions on how to better communicate the communication plan to the public. Mindel asked about a submission portal and making it easier to sign up for the newsletter. Cathy asked about promoting other groups' activities.

Adjournment

Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:22 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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