



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Monday, March 10, 2025

4:00 PM

Eagle Room

This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 895 5626 2687 Passcode: 102161

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Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Andrew Ericson, Stephanie Hanna

Excused: 3 - Dorothy Lenard, Casey Meehan, Adam Jacobson

Approval of Minutes

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

Notices and Discussion

Erickson is hosting Peter Annan for Prairie Springs series on water scarcity on April 3rd.

H4H is hosting upgrade and save event on incentives, mostly open house, but there will be panel sessions. It is in the evening at the Main Library.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [25-0292](#) Request to have La Crosse Area Community Foundation to administer the Youth Climate Action Fund.

Attachments: [Memorandum of Understanding](#)

Staff gave an overview.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Heneghan, that this Request be

APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

2 [25-0172](#)

Resolution to contract with Baker Tilly to help the City of La Crosse claim elective pay incentives and appropriate tax credits to fund climate action plan implementation.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
 [Contract](#)
 [Staff Report](#)

Staff provided overview. Ericson asked clarification on where the money goes. Mindel shared that Mayor gave direction to find other funds besides the CIP.

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Hanna, that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Finance & Personnel Committee, due back by 4/3/2025. The motion carried by voice vote.

3 [25-0294](#)

Request to pursue Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grant for Efficiency Navigator Program

Attachments: [Efficiency Navigator Program](#)
 [Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program](#)

Staff gave an overview. Heneghan asked if the foundation has the money; staff understands that it does. Hanna asked

Heneghan wants a guaranteed before paying for grant

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Hanna, that this Request be APPROVED.

A motion was made by Hennegan, seconded by Ericson, that this motion be AMENDED to be contingent on guaranteeing that the foundation has the money for this grant. The motion for the amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

The ammended motion carried by voice vote.

4 [25-0170](#)

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Cities Program Update

Attachments: [Presentation \(Feb 2025\)](#)

Mindel didn't have an update, but previewed Natural Resources and Ecology for next month, specifically on Light trespass. The Neighborhood Revitalization Commission has taken up this issue.

5 [25-0052](#)

Outreach & Engagement Update

Staff gave an update on Carbon Free La Crosse Challenge competition amongst universities and amongst neighborhoods. Staff directed committee members who want to share information to outreach consultant to send it to him. Mindel talked about waste diversion rates, associated with LEED.

6 [25-0295](#)

Climate Action Plan Implementation Update

Attachments: [Slides](#)

Staff gave an overview.

Next Meeting / Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 4/14 at 4 PM. Mindel encouraged to reach out to staff with agenda items before then.

Adjournment

Mindel adjourned the meeting at 4:30 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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