



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

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Monday, September 9, 2024

4:30 PM

Eagle Room

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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 4:31 p.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Casey Meehan, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Andrew Ericson

**Excused:** 2 - Dorothy Lenard, Stephanie Hanna

**Absent:** 1 - Adam Jacobson

#### Approval of Minutes

Meehan motioned to approve the minutes, Heneghan seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Notices and Discussion

Staff introduced AmeriCorps, Leo Strand, serving as sustainability coordinator. Staff provided updates on grants. Mindel provided update on LEED for Cities.

#### Agenda Items:

#### 1 [24-0065](#) Working Group Updates

Heneghan and Hanna reviewed guides. The guides are focused on new construction. A guide addressing building reuse would be helpful. More feedback could be solicited from Western Tech from their experience building a passivhaus. Incentives mentioned in the guide could be updated and connected to what Xcel Energy and Focus on Energy offer now. The Energy Action Plan could be updated to include guide recommendations.

*Meehan found lots of good examples of equitable community tree planting, and are researching guidance on sustainable programming and framework.*

*Staff shared USPS installed nearly 20 EV chargers in at La Crosse Post Office.*

*Ericson talked about YCAF micro grant for bike parking and bike parking ordinance. He shared that the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission recommended deregulating parking minimums. Ericson and Jacobson discussed local training for commercial energy efficiency.*

**2**     [24-0067](#)

**Outreach & Engagement Update**

*Wisconsin Conservation Voters' (WCV) brochures included information about the Home Efficiency (HOMES) and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program (HEAR). Mindel suggested including a tab on the landing page about it. Heneghan suggested an active outreach campaign. Meehan suggested posting information at hardware stores. Staff could do tabling and ask WCV if they are making posters?*

**3**     [24-1126](#)

**Discussion on Youth Climate Action Fund application and selection.**

**Attachments:**     [Scoring Rubric](#)

*Heneghan recused herself, so there was no longer a quorum to vote. Staff will schedule a virtual only meeting on 9/11 around 9-10:30 am.*

**4**     [24-1189](#)

**Renew the Block Progress Update**

*Kaitlyn Wiehe provide an update.*

**5**     [24-1199](#)

**Request for grant services for EPA Community Change grant application in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity**

*Staff provided an overview. Heneghan gave further explanation of the grant and proposal. Mindel suggested providing free bus passes, but that would not sustain ridership increase.*

**Next Meeting / Agenda Items**

*The next meeting will be 10/14.*

**Adjournment**

**Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:35 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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