

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: February 12th 2024

RE: GreenStep Meeting Minutes February 7th, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Jason Ludwigson, Teresa O'Donnell, Bill Waller and Jeremy Wise

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Nissen, Bob Spencer, Michael Alfieri, and Tyler Benish

Minutes

1. The committee approved the minutes from the November 1st 2023 meeting.
 2. The committee discussed new member(s) recruitment. A new resident was proposed as a possible committee member.
 3. The committee reviewed the materials about the utility franchise fee. Discussion followed. The committee will discuss this idea at future meetings.
 4. The committee reviewed opportunities for a 2024 work plan.
 5. The committee discussed recent tours of the Xcel RDF plant and Hilltopper Recycling facility. Discussion followed about opportunities to increase recycling and reduce waste in the community.
 6. Project updates were provided on the following: Solar PV updates Ice Arena, Pool, Wieser Park Shelter, and Pine Creek Golf Course, [CPL Grants](#) – Pine Creek, ReLeaf Community Forestry and Shade Tree Bonding Grants MnDNR, Siberian Elm, Buckthorn and Round Leaf Bittersweet Removal Efforts, Carbon Reduction Program Electric Vehicle, WinLac updates – Urban Stormwater Practices – WinLac Rain Garden McIntosh, Stormwater Art/Murals with the Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant and Projects and Practices BWSR Grant New Street Sweeper, VW funds EV chargers – MPCA and ZEF energy, Map the Experience Eagles Bluff Park signs, La Crecent Tree Ordinance, New Thermostats for City Hall and the Fire Station, and the February 24th Dry Bluff Prairie work day in Eagles Bluff Park.
 7. Jason Ludwigson provided an overview of the city-wide speed limit discussions.
 8. Jason Ludwigson provided information on the efforts to partner with WinLac to host a 2024 GreenCorps member. The member would focus on Stormwater and Forestry if La Crescent is chosen as a host.
11. Adjournment -The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by consensus.
- cc. Natural Resources Advisory Committee