

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

GreenStep Committee Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: January 28th 2022

RE: Meeting Minutes January 26th, 2022 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Jason Ludwigson, Todd Bille, Jim Nissen, Theresa O'Donnell, Bob Spencer, Tyler Benish, Michael Aflerti

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Waller, Angie Boettcher

GUESTS: Ashley Fuchs

MINUTES

1. The committee, by consensus, approved the November 3rd, GreenSteps committee minutes. The committee did introductions and welcomed new member Todd Bille.
2. Ashley Fuchs presented information on the Minnesota Tree Steward Program to the committee. Opportunities to host a Minnesota Tree Steward Program with the City of La Crescent were discussed. It was voted by consensus to further explore options to host the Minnesota Tree Steward Program training in late spring 2022.
3. The committee reviewed results Swatch labs vehicle electrification study. This data will be presented at a future city council meeting.
4. Plans for the 2022 MnDOT landscape partnership were discussed. The location for the 2022 project will be the trailhead area of the bike/pedestrian bridge.
5. The committee reviewed ideas for the creation of sustainable community awards. Examples for the awards in the areas of Water and/or Pollinator quality, Energy Conservation, and General innovation were discussed. The committee voted by consensus to move forward with implementing the sustainable community awards for 2022.
6. The committee reviewed the sample energy disclosure ordinance for tenants. Outreach to the larger apartment landlords and utilities was suggested. Revisions will be made and presented at a future meeting.
7. The committee reviewed the adopt-a-drain program sign-up and outreach to the community. Ideas for outreach included the local schools, city newsletter, website, chamber of commerce, farmers market, Arbor Day 2022 events, and the city Facebook page. Work on outreach will continue in 2022.
8. The committee discussed the battery (EV) lawn and landscape showcase for spring of 2022. The event is titled Operation Green: Lawn and Landscape Equipment Showcase. The event will

be held on April 16th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the La Crescent Area Event Center. The event will take place outdoors. Representatives from Toro and Stihl will be in attendance.

9. Project updates were provided on the following– MNPCA Smart Salt Training February 17th 2022 (Sponsored by GreenSteps cities) Pine Creek city property walk adjacent to golf course in November and April, and solar PV updates for the Ice Arena.

10. The meeting was adjourned at approx. 6:01 p.m.