

CITY OF LA CRESCENT - GREEN STEPS TEAM 2018-19

MEETING 4.

LOCATION: LA CRESCENT CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: MARCH 18TH, 4:30 P.M.

Present: Jim Nissen, Tyler B, Bill Waller, Ried Smith, Shawn Wetterlien, Michael Alfieri

Guests: Chris Meyer, Gary H.

Minutes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action/Decision	Person Responsible
Information (Updates) Items:	SolSmart, Bird City, School Green Steps Team, CERT's grant, 2019 MnDot Landscape Project, Solar Project Pool (Heat Pumps), Tree City USA, Xcel RDF Plant Tour Plan for May meeting		
Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling Presentation		<p>96 gallon cart, bi-weekly collection, less trucks driving around the city. Now going to a single stream. Will reduce trash in the city.</p> <p>Percentage of material that is actually recycled 90%. Arm has a 6 foot reach for the arm from the truck. Inclined driveways can work as long as the cart is flat.</p> <p>Negotiations with the township. April 10th first collection with new bin.</p>	<p>Angie update Refuse and Recycling page</p>
Chris Meyer Southeast CERT Coordinator Pace Program and Drive Electric Corridor	Making La Crescent EV Ready City	<p>Potential to connect with Bill in Red Wing for potential fast charger.</p> <p>Chris Meyer discussed the PACE program and the RETAP program. PACE is Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing for</p>	<p>Jason and Reid develop a City of La Crescent PACE flyer.</p> <p>Present this flyer to the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Send this information to the building and trades</p>

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		Businesses and Nonprofits.	organizations serving La Crescent.
Clean Energy Community Education Grant Program Application	https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/rfp/ http://mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/rfp-clean-energy-community-application.pdf		
Warm Mix Asphalt –	<p>Switching from HMA to WMA has both environmental and economic benefits. Energy savings, as well as reduced emissions of carbon dioxide, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and hazardous air pollutants result from reduced fuel consumption at the burner used to heat the asphalt mixture. In addition, lower mixing temperatures significantly reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds from the asphalt binder. Table 1 provides some emission reduction ranges for specific pollutants. WMA technology could lower burner fuel consumption by 40%. One study stated that every 50-degree F decrease results in an 11% decrease in fuel consumption. WMA also allows incorporation of up to 50% Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP), compared with only 20 percent for HMA, increasing beneficial recycling while reducing material costs.</p>	Ongoing conversation with Regional EPA office, updates to follow	
GreenStep Opportunities	https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/GreenStep_Opportunities https://www.eventbrite.com/o/minnesota-greenstep-cities-18017175524		

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Green Steps Benchmarks, Reaching Step 3 Designation	Goal for 2019 Work Plan?		
Plan of Work for 2019	Sustainability Work Plan Link		
100 percent carbon-free energy	Proposed resolution for city council Link		
Pollinator areas	Reid Smith to present additional ideas		
Extended invite to School Board member to sit on Green Steps team	Update to follow	Extended invite 10 days ago have not heard a response. Will Follow up with another board member this week	
SMART Salt Training MPCA	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/smart-salting-level-1-individual-training		
Xcel Partners in Energy/Mayor's Home Energy Challenge	https://www.xcelenergy.com/working_with_us/municipalities/partners_in_energy?mc_cid=a589e01b8c&mc_eid=3eaceb28b0		
First 100 Applicants in La Crosse - Received over 600 applications	https://www.cityoflacrosse.org/filestorage/407/3856/11540/FACT_SHEET_ENERGY_CHALLENGE.pdf		

NEXT MEETING: