

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

GreenStep Committee Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: April 8th, 2022

RE: Meeting Minutes

March 23rd, 2022

The La Crescent GreenStep Committee met at 4:30 pm, on Wednesday March 23rd, 2022, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Tyler Benish, Jason Ludwigson, Jim Nissen, Bob Spencer, and Theresa Ebner.

1. The committee discussed new member recruitment.
2. The committee reviewed the Minnesota Tree Steward Program. The plan is to host a training for members of the community on May 7th 2022.
3. The committee discussed the MNPUC Xcel rate increase and how the efficiency updates the city has completed in the last 5 years have helped to offset much of the rate increase.
4. The committee reviewed the B3 Benchmarking report that was presented to the La Crescent City Council.
5. Jason Ludwigson reviewed the proposed prairie planting projects for 2022 and the MnDOT landscape partnership.
6. The sustainable community awards have been posted on the city website. The committee reviewed ways to share the message about these awards with the public.
7. The committee reviewed the Adopt-a-Drain program. Teresa volunteered to host a table at the Neighbors Day event April 9th to pass out the Adopt-a-Drain postcards.
8. The committee reviewed ideas for creating a city salt brine project.
9. The committee reviewed possible EV zoning language. The committee agreed by consensus to bring forward recommendations for EV language additions in the city zoning ordinance to the planning commission.
10. The committee discussed the upcoming EV lawn and landscape event April 16th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All members were encouraged to attend and help spread the word about the event.
11. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:48 pm.