

CITY OF LA CRESCENT - GREEN STEPS TEAM 2018-19

MEETING 5. LOCATION: LA CRESCENT CITY HALL DATE/TIME: APRIL 15TH, 2018

Present: Guests:

Absent: Minutes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action/Decision	Person Responsible
Approve March minutes	Review March minutes		
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SolSmart Currently Updating Ordinance Language 2) IMPD planning for May 18th to include a Bird Banding Demo 3) CERTS grant final report - \$1,500 will be reimbursed back to city 4) Tree City USA was approved - recertify at the end of each year 5) Arbor day Tree Planting @ Veterans Park April 25th, 26th 	
High school student Kennedie Dawson to present on plastic straws, potential ordinance to regulate?		Invite businesses to a future GreenSteps meeting to discuss ways to reduce single use plastics and single use products	
Next Steps Clean Energy Community Grant	Awarded Clean Energy Community Education Grant 04-09-2019	Information item, updates at future meetings	

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	<p>The grants program is intended to encourage increased participation in educational initiatives that promote the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy, address climate issues, and that empower, inspire, and motivate a new generation of energy leaders, of all ages and backgrounds, in communities around Minnesota. This program will award up to 12 grants of up to \$2,500 each to plan and implement energy education initiatives to be showcased within the Energy Exhibit in the Eco Experience at the 2019 Minnesota State Fair. Grant awards are designed to be used for expenses to plan, develop, and create Clean Energy Community educational messages, displays, and materials (in coordination with Commerce) and to provide one day of staffing at exhibit during the State Fair.</p>		
<p>ISD 300 Levy Passage</p>	<p>New building construction - sustainability (LEED), etc.</p>	<p>John Lambert informed committee of plans for Solar Panels on Middle School Wing</p>	
<p>GreenStep Opportunities</p>	<p>https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/GreenStep_Opportunities https://www.eventbrite.com/o/minnesota-greenstep-cities-18017175524</p>	<p>Information item</p>	

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Green Steps Benchmarks, Reaching Step 3 Designation	Goal for 2019 Work Plan? <u>Current Status</u>	Narrowed the list down to 8 items for the 2019 year work plan	
Plan of Work for 2019	Sustainability Work Plan <u>Link</u>	Narrowed the list down to 8 items for the 2019 year work plan	
100 percent carbon-free energy	Proposed resolution for city council <u>Link</u>	Plan to bring forward at April 25th joint city council meeting	
Pollinator areas	Reid Smith to present additional ideas	Plans underway for new prairie addition at Old Hickory Park	
Extended invite to School Board member to sit on Green Steps team	Update to follow	Next meeting	
SMART Salt Training MPCA	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/smart-salting-level-1-individual-training	Next meeting	
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	Next meeting	
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: