

CITY OF LA CRESCENT - GREEN STEPS TEAM 2018-20

MEETING 11. LOCATION: LA CRESCENT CITY HALL DATE/TIME: MAY 29TH, 4:30 P.M. 2020

Present: Guests: Rich Ragatz

Minutes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action/Decision	Person Responsible
Rich Ragatz - Ideal Energies	Rich will present information on additional solar PV opportunities for the City of La Crescent	Meeting Thursday June 4th @ 9 a.m. to discuss projects on site	
Green Steps Level 3 Designation achieved - awarded in June 2020	Review of Level 4 Requirements	- Step 4&5 Worksheet - 2020_0.xlsx	
Carbon Free Energy Resolution	Review/comments/changes	- Presented at a future city council meeting - Bill?	
<p>Clean Energy Brief: Natural Gas in Minnesota The Health, Safety, and Economic Impacts of Using Natural Gas to Power Minnesota Buildings</p> <p>RMI Health Effects from Gas Stove Pollution</p>	<p>https://2lwej44565rn2mmjlk31pmwq-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/The-Health-Safety-and-Economic-Impacts-of-Using-Natural-Gas-to-Power-MN-Buildings-Final-Compressed-022520-1.pdf</p> <p>https://rmi.org/insight/gas-stoves-pollution-health</p>	<p>Recommended Policy Actions:</p> <p>State and Local Policy</p> <p>In the absence of federal leadership, state, regional, and local regulatory bodies should:</p>	

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	<p>Leaf Video- The Why... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nn_9hLJKAk</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a health-based indoor air quality guideline that protects the most sensitive populations, including children, the elderly, and those with existing respiratory ailments.2. Ensure building codes for new and renovated buildings have adequate ventilation and other protections to better safeguard residents from harmful levels of gas stove pollution.3. Require manufacturers and installers to certify that any new gas stove installed will not expose residents to harmful levels of gas stove pollution. In addition to venting outdoors, this may include a building code requirement for low-level CO detectors and automatic ventilation whenever the gas stove is operated and until background levels are safe.4. Require gas stove	
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		<p>manufacturers to include warning labels on stoves and to send warnings to existing gas stove owners, with clear guidance on how to minimize the risk of gas stove pollution exposure.</p> <p>5. Require elimination of gas stove pollution in all publicly funded buildings as soon as practical, with a focus on buildings that house children and other at-risk populations. State funds, including for schools and low-income housing, should not be used to purchase or install indoor appliances that expose occupants to harmful levels of gas stove pollution.</p> <p>6. Provide financial incentives, such as tax credits or rebates, that will enable low-income homeowners to eliminate gas stove pollution, including adding plug-in induction stovetops or switching from gas to electric stoves. Prioritize homes with children and other at-risk populations.</p> <p>7. Require landlords to provide notice to new and existing tenants about the risk of gas stove pollution, including options to minimize gas stove pollution such</p>	
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		as offering induction cooktops, gas stove replacement, and stove top ventilation to the outdoors.	
Green Business Award	https://docs.google.com/document/d/13N1ubw waLRYfQfb7a_HgzdZnd9T139C5BkqAm6cj_GU/edit?usp=sharing	- Application shared with Chamber of Commerce	
Xcel Partners in Energy What Ideas can/should we partner with Xcel on? https://www.xcelenergy.com/staticfiles/xe-responsive/Partners/Municipalities/Partners%20In%20Energy/Description.pdf	https://www.xcelenergy.com/working_with_us/municipalities/partners_in_energy https://www.xcelenergy.com/staticfiles/xe-responsive/Working%20With%20Us/Trade%20Partners/MN-CO-PIE-App.pdf Suggest MicroGrants or Community Data	- Did not have time to discuss	
Municipal Stormwater Assessment	Link to Stormwater Assessment Stormwater Assessment Raw Total: 51 Maximum Possible Stormwater Assessment Total (this value will change if you selected N/A on a number of questions): 181	- Did not have time to discuss	

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	<p>Stormwater Assessment Score: 28%</p> <p>Climate Adaptation</p> <p>Climate Adaptation Raw Total: 35</p> <p>Maximum Possible Climate Adaptation Total (this value will change if you selected N/A on a number of questions): 84</p> <p>Climate Adaptation Score: 42%</p>		
<p>EV Chargers CERT's Grant Update</p>	<p><u>The Interim Report for your CERT Seed Grant is now due September 1, 2020</u></p>		
<p>Residential Energy Disclosure</p>	<p>https://mplscleanenergypartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Energy-Disclosure-Policies-Summary.pdf</p> <p>https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/2028/Residential%20Energy%20Disclosure%20Ordinance%20Title%203.pdf</p>		
<p>Event center landscape spaces prairie plantings (natives)</p>	<p>Update on plans:</p>	<p>Meeting Thursday June 4th @ 9 a.m.</p>	

NEXT MEETING: