

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: June 20th, 2022

RE: Meeting Minutes June 15th 2022 4:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Waller, Angie Boettcher

Guest: Jeremy Wise

MINUTES

1. The committee, by consensus, approved the March 23rd, GreenSteps committee minutes. The committee did introductions and welcomed guest Jeremy Wise. Jeremy is considering joining the committee as a community representative.
2. The committee discussed new member(s) recruitment
3. The committee reviewed the EV Zoning Ordinance language following the review by the planning commission. It was noted that the planning commission asked that members of the GreenSteps committee attend a future planning commission meeting. The members discussed this idea as well as clarification to the EV Zoning Ordinance language. The committee voted to bring the EV Zoning Ordinance language with additional information about the EV infrastructure in the ordinance and Minnesota cities who have adopted EV ordinances.
4. The committee discussed the Minnesota Tree Steward Program, planned for September 10th, 2022. It was noted that information about this training should be sent out to the public soon so community members have the opportunity to sign up for the training.
5. The committee discussed the CPL Grant opportunity for Pine Creek watershed improvements on city property. The grant application for greater Minnesota is due Aug. 1, 2022. Committee member O'Donnell-Ebner volunteered to assist in reviewing the grant application.
6. The committee was provided an update on the Pine Creek Prairie Seeding planned for week of June 13th. Also reviewed was the native prairie plating project in upper Veterans Park planned for June 17th.
7. Sustainable Purchasing Policy was reviewed. A few amendments were suggested. This will be brought forward to staff for possible adoption.
8. Sustainable community awards have been posted on the city website [Sustainable Community Award Application \(cityoflacscent-mn.gov\)](https://www.cityoflacscent-mn.gov/sustainable-community-award-application). Members suggested outreach to community members via the cities Facebook page.

9. Adopt-a-drain program was reviewed. Plans to continue outreach at the local Farmers Market and reach out to the local hiking group.

10. Jason Ludwigson provided an update on the LEED for Cities program. The city was accepted into the program this spring with a cohort of other cities and counties across the US.

11. Jason Ludwigson provided an update on the Solar PV project for the Ice Arena and Pool. The Ice Arena project contract will be reviewed by the city council at the July 11th meeting.

12. The committee discussed ideas for a community garden tour and solar tour. Members of the community have been inquiring about how to coordinate a garden tour and solar tour.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. by consensus.