

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
GreenStep Committee Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: July 18, 2018
RE: Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2018

The La Crescent GreenStep Committee met at 4:30 pm, on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, in the conference room at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Angie Boettcher, Brian Krenz, Don Smith, Tyler Benish, and Bill Waller.

1. Tyler Benish provided an update regarding the CERT's seed grant that the City received to convert outdoor exterior lights to LED. The six lights on the bridge and the community entrance sign have been converted to LED. Additional proposals are being obtained to complete the balance of the project.
2. GreenStep Intern Erin Heiting was not in attendance at the meeting, the community survey will be reviewed with the Committee at the next meeting.
3. Bird City USA designation was reviewed with the Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with seeking designation as a Bird City USA.
4. Information was reviewed regarding the Drive Electric corridors, and an organizational meeting that was held with the Cities of Red Wing, Lake City, Winona, and La Crescent for the purpose of forming a collaboration to submit an application to install electric vehicle charging stations along this corridor. Additional information regarding this will be presented in the future.
5. The Committee was informed that the City Council approved submitting an application to participate in the SolSmart program. The SolSmart program is designed to help communities reduce barriers to solar development.
6. Tyler Benish reviewed the 2018 MnDOT Landscape Partnership project which was a pollinator planting project in MnDOT right-of-way. The pollinator portion of the project has been completed, the tree planting portion of the project will be completed in the fall of 2018. It was agreed that signage should be installed designating the area as a prairie planting.
7. The Committee reviewed a pollinator friendly resolution. It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the resolution, and forward it to the City Council for consideration.
8. The Committee was informed that the request for proposals for the solar project was being finalized, and that it would be forwarded to prospective vendors once completed.
9. The Committee was informed that the City was in the process of negotiating an extension to the City's refuse/recycling contract. Currently, only 1 and 2 type plastics are recycled. The proposed contract extension would expand the recycling of plastics to 1 - 7, and 95 gallon carts would replace the 18 gallon bins that are currently used for recycling.
10. The School District's GreenTeam, the proposed model lighting ordinance, and a discussion regarding future staffing for the GreenStep Committee will be included on the agenda for the next GreenStep Committee meeting. The next meeting of the GreenStep Committee will be held to review the requests for proposals for the community solar project.
11. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.

