

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

GreenStep Committee Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: August 26th, 2021

RE: Meeting Minutes August 25th, 2021 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Jason Ludwigson, Bill Waller, Jim Nissen, Theresa O'Donnell,

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Isabelle Morken, Meghan Steffes, Michael Aflerti, Bob Spencer, Angie Boettcher, Tyler Benish

GUESTS: None

MINUTES

1. The committee, by consensus, approved the June 30th GreenSteps committee minutes.
2. The committee voted by consensus to bring the membership in the Building Decarbonization Coalition to the city council for review. This would be a no cost membership for the city.
3. The committee reviewed ideas for the creation of a soak-it-up award and pollinator recognition award for the community.
4. The committee reviewed the adopt-a-drain program sign-up and outreach to the community. Ideas for outreach included the local schools, city newsletter, website, chamber of commerce, and Facebook page. Work on the outreach will continue in the month of September.
5. The committee was updated on the Fleet Electrification study. Preliminary data was reviewed. A final presentation from the study will be coming later this fall.
6. Jason Ludwigson provided an update on the Solar Ready Home Certification. Discussion took place around the building incentive and the permitting process. Jason will review further with Shawn W. Plans to bring it forward to council were discussed.
7. The committee discussed the EV showcase event taking place September 16th at the La Crescent Event Center. Information about the event will be presented at the September 13th city council meeting.
8. The committee reviewed the Proposed Landscape Design Veterans Park Playground, Phase II EV charger grant from the MPCA and ZEF energy, U of M Regional Sustainable Development Grant - Community Food Forest, Home Energy Squad visits, and City prairie planting projects. New information and education signs have been installed at the city prairie sites.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approx. 5:54 p.m.