

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: May 29th 2024

RE: GreenStep Meeting Minutes May 29th, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Jason Ludwigson, Jim Nissen, Michael Alfieri, and Bob Spencer

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Teresa O'Donnell, Bill Waller, Jeremy Wise, and Tyler Benish

Minutes

1. The committee discussed new member(s) recruitment.
 2. The committee reviewed the materials about the utility franchise fee. Discussion followed. The committee will discuss this idea at future meetings.
 3. The committee reviewed the UMN Institute on the Environment summer internship program and the MN GreenCorps program. Talitha Anderson will be serving with the city for the UMN internship from June 5th to August 11th. The GreenCorps member will focus on Stormwater and Forestry work for the city.
 4. The committee discussed the 2024 MnDOT Landscape Partnership Project for the La Crescent Overlook. Bob Spencer shared the MnDOT Historic Roadside Development Structures Report for the site. Discussion about the planting plan followed.
 5. The committee discussed the public outreach and education efforts for the CPL Stoney Point grant. The scope of the project was reviewed with the committee.
 6. The committee discussed the role for the MN Green Corps member to sign up residents for the Adopt-a-Drain program this fall.
 7. Project updates were provided on the following: Solar PV updates Ice Arena, Pool, Wieser Park Shelter, and Pine Creek Golf Course – Solar on Public Buildings Grant, Outdoor Recreation Grant, ReLeaf Grant MN DNR - Arbor Day Tree Planting, Siberian Elm, Buckthorn and Round Leaf Bittersweet Removal, Carbon Reduction Program Electric Vehicle(s) – 2025-2026 Funds Update, WinLac updates – Urban Stormwater Practices – WinLac Rain Garden McIntosh (Future project ideas), Stormwater Art/Murals (Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant) and Projects and Practices BWSR Grant Street Sweeping Study, VW funds EV chargers – MPCA and ZEF energy – PUC Xcel Energy's Transportation Electrification Plan, Map the Experience Eagles Bluff Park Signs and Lions Club, McCormick Easement with MN Land Trust and City, Tree Ordinance
 8. The committee discussed the grant awards for Safe Routes to School Infrastructure projects and the 6th street reconstruction grant award.
 9. Adjournment -The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. by consensus.
- cc. Natural Resources Advisory Committee