

TO: GreenStep Committee Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: October 2nd, 4:30 p.m.

RE: City Hall 315 Main Street

AGENDA

1. Consideration of meeting minutes – May 29th, 2024 – see attached
2. New member(s) recruitment
3. Introduce MN GreenCorps member Mary Gegen
4. John Smith - One-Stop Climate Program Navigator
5. Amy or Kaityln– Habitat of the Greater La Crosse Region Aluminum Can Program
6. 2025 MnDOT Landscape Partnership Project Update
7. Discussion CPL Grant Stoney Point - Public outreach and education efforts – bids, Pine Creek CPL Grant Update
8. Adopt-a-Drain 2024 Report and Recruitment Efforts – Discuss marketing materials – Source Water Protection Grant for public mailing – see attached
9. Stormwater Art/Murals (Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant) completed, McCormick Easement with MN Land Trust and City completed
10. Project updates –
 - Solar PV updates Pool– Solar on Public Buildings Grant- Application Submitted 30.07 kWh DC system
 - Outdoor Recreation Grant – reapply in December 2024 for additional funds to construct walking path and all poured in place for playground
 - HELP Grant Final Seedings Fall 2024
 - SHIP Grant New Park Signs
 - ReLeaf Grant MN DNR - Arbor Day Tree Planting – Boulevard Tree Program – Donated Trees Cedar Valley Tree Farm
 - Siberian Elm, Buckthorn and Round Leaf Bittersweet Removal – Queen Anne’s Lace, etc
 - Carbon Reduction Program Electric Vehicle(s) – 2025-2026 Funds Update
 - WinLac updates – Urban Stormwater Practices – WinLac Rain Garden McIntosh (Future project ideas), 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 – ongoing installation
- Tree Ordinance
- Pollinator Pathways Grant Application
- Clean Water Grant Application BWSR – 6th street rain garden
- SRTS 2025 Infrastructure Projects

11. Other items

12. Adjournment. Please call me at 507-313-9633, or e-mail me at jludwigson@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, if you will not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information. Thank you

cc. Natural Resources Advisory Committee

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. A new resident was proposed as a possible committee member.
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