



## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

#### 1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Polly Andersen, Dr. Edmund Chute, Lauren Lindelof, and KC Chermak

Wayzata City Staff Member: Nick Kieser, Parks Planner

Partner in Energy Representative: Deirdre Coleman

#### 2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, first by Chute and seconded by Lindelof. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 3. Approve November, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve draft minutes as shown, first by Chute and seconded by Lindelof. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 4. Partners in Energy Review

Partners in Energy Representative Deirdre Coleman presented a summary of the Partners in Energy program that Wayzata completed over the last two and a half years. Data from the end of 2022 is still not available from Xcel Energy yet, so once that data is available the dashboard summary will be updated and sent to the Committee. Coleman reviewed all the action items that the Committee worked on over the 2.5 years of implementation of the Energy Action Plan. The review covered each focus sector of municipal buildings, multi-family, residential, and commercial/businesses.

#### 5. Municipal Solar Update

Staff noted that the Blue Horizon Purchase and Installation Agreement was approved by the City Council. Since that approval, the Solar Ordinance was approved which regulates all solar installations in the City. The municipal solar project now requires approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the installations at City Hall, Fire Station, Library, Municipal Bar & Grill and Liquor Store. Staff is currently working on the CUP process and the first review of the project is planned for the April 17 Planning Commission meeting.

#### 6. 2023 Work Plan Discussion

Staff has been in discussion with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District about potential water quality/conservation projects that could work as a partnership. The Committee can bring forward additional ideas that would be of interest to work on in 2023 and the upcoming years.

### **7. Sustainability Champion Award**

An award has been received that can be given out to the Wayzata Community Church for their work in sustainability. Staff will send out an information regarding the best City Council date to present the award to the Church. Additional marketing will be sent out to promote the award and the Church's work.

### **8. Committee Member Recruitment**

The Committee discussed allowing a member that is not a resident of Wayzata, but possibly in a nearby community. A motion to amend the bylaws to allow for one Committee Member outside of Wayzata, first by Andersen and seconded by Chermak. Motion passed 4-0.

Staff will work on the amended bylaws to bring to an upcoming City Council meeting for their review.

### **9. Election of Officers**

The election of officers was tabled to the next meeting so that all Committee Members can vote on the officers.

### **11. Code of Conduct**

Staff noted that the Code of Conduct is a new document that is brought forward to all City groups. The Committee can sign the document and drop it off at City Hall or bring to the next meeting.

### **12. Adjournment.**

Motion to Adjourn at 6:35 was made by Chermak, seconded by Lindelof. Motion passed 4-0.