



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
ONLINE MEETING
JUNE 21, 2023
5:30 PM**

Online Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89445698021>

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. April 19, 2023 Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes**

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Solar Street Light Cost Share Pilot Program**
- 3. Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024**
- 4. Newsletter Articles**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Recommendation**

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Hal Harris - Present
Committee Vice Chair Andrew Lowenthal - Present
Committee Member Greg Campbell - Present
Committee Member Walker Gaffney - Absent
Committee Member Sheerie Green - Present
Committee Member Saranya Konala - Present
Committee Member Karen Kuratnick - Absent
Committee Member Donna Spence - Present

Council Liaison Nicole Greer - Absent
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present

Members of the Public: Stephanie Todd, Jerry Ronecker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 15, 2023, Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT: Motion to approve March 15 2023 minutes

MOVER: Spence

SECONDER: Lowenthal

AYES: Hal Harris, Andrew Lowenthal, Greg Campbell, Sheerie Green, Saranya Konala, Donna Spence

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Presentation from Dark Sky Missouri

Stephanie Todd, a representative from Dark Sky Missouri, made a presentation on responsible LED outdoor lighting, emphasizing the five principles of responsible lighting: useful, targeted, low light levels, controlled, and warmer in color (3000K or



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less). Responsible lighting is beneficial to human health, wildlife, migrating birds, and insects. Brighter lights can create glares and shadows that can compromise public safety, contrary to the popular belief that brighter lights reduce crime. Jerry Ronecker stated that Creve Coeur currently does not regulate the degrees of Kelvin (K) for lights. Some cities have a process in place where, if a complaint about bright outdoor lighting is received, then the city will contact the individual to find a solution (i.e., add a shield to direct the light downward).

Donna Spence stated she attended the recent City Council meeting where a council member proposed a solar street light program. Spence said there is a general misconception that more lights equals a safer community. She recommended this presentation from Dark Sky Missouri be shared with appropriate city staff. There was general consensus among the committee to let the City Council and city staff know the committee is interested in this issue.

3. Green Business Certification Application: CK Power

The Committee reviewed the application submitted by CK Power. Saranya Konala stated the business seems to go above and beyond for recycling. Melissa Bradford explained the current ways the city promotes certified green businesses. Greg Campbell suggested promoting certified green businesses in the resident newsletter. Donna Spence stated that one of the Committee's ongoing projects should be promoting this program to businesses and promoting the certified businesses. The Committee voted to approve green business certification for CK Power.

RESULT: Motion to approve green business certification for CK Power

MOVER: Campbell

SECONDER: Spence

AYES: Hal Harris, Andrew Lowenthal, Greg Campbell, Sheerie Green, Saranya Konala, Donna Spence

NAYS: None



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4. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Recommendation

Hal Harris stated he was glad all committee members were able to attend the joint work session with the City Council and asked what the next steps would be. Melissa Bradford stated the item can be added to an upcoming City Council agenda under Business from the City Administrator requesting direction from the City Council. The Committee agreed there was a lack of consensus from the Council during the work session, and to put it on an upcoming regular meeting agenda. Donna Spence suggested the Committee revisit the city's existing Climate Action Plan. Hal Harris stated that the Council could agree to conduct an RFP without committing to conducting the greenhouse gas inventory, to get a better idea of the project cost. Melissa Bradford stated the next Council meeting available would be Monday, May 8th.

5. Electric Vehicles

Hal Harris stated he had no updates for this item, and noted that the city is planning on installing charging stations in the future.

6. Arbor Day Celebration - Sunday, April 30, 2023, 1-3 PM

Saranya stated that she and Donna will be volunteering at the Arbor Day event, have planned a recycling sorting game for the committee's booth, and are preparing a flyer to hand out with residential recycling information.

7. Residential Recycling Education

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON



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No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

Melissa Bradford stated the next meeting is May 17, 2023, via Zoom.

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