



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
ONLINE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
5:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2. Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024**
- 3. Newsletter Articles**
- 4. Electronics Recycling Event - October 19, 2023**

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Andrew Lowenthal - Present
Committee Member Greg Campbell - Present
Committee Member Joseph Gaied - Present
Committee Member Walker Gaffney - Present
Committee Member Sheerie Green - Present
Committee Member Saranya Konala - Present
Committee Vice Chair Donna Spence - Present

Council Liaison Mark Manlin - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 21, 2023 Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT: Motion to approve the June 21, 2023 minutes

MOVER: Spence

SECONDER: Campbell

AYES: Greg Campbell, Donna Spence, Walker Gaffney, Sheerie Green, Joseph Gaied, Saranya Konala, Andrew Lowenthal

NAYS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Recommendation

Staff liaison Melissa Bradford asked the Committee if there was interest in returning to the City Council with the greenhouse gas inventory proposal. The Committee agreed to table this issue as they work on reevaluating the committee's priorities for the next fiscal year, as the greenhouse gas inventory may not be as high of a priority.

3. Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024



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The Committee discussed priorities for fiscal year 2024. Greg Campbell suggested looking into electric vehicle readiness ordinance for new construction; streamlining the solar installation permit process; looking into federal grant opportunities; and participating in SolSmart, a technical assistance team that helps local governments accelerate the growth of solar energy in their jurisdictions. Sheerie Green also suggested looking into grant opportunities available for local government. Donna Spence suggested focusing on reducing the city's carbon footprint, reducing plastic use and improving plastic recycling, implementing thoughtful outdoor lighting programs, and developing more community involvement. Donna Spence also shared the tips on how to save/use less energy that were collected from the community on Arbor Day.

The Committee agreed to use the newsletter to get educational messaging out to residents. Walker Gaffney stated an example newsletter article could be about geothermal energy. Mark Manlin stated he could help provide information for a newsletter article on that topic.

Donna Spence suggested establishing an engagement team with volunteers from the community. Melissa Bradford stated that a subcommittee may be subject to Sunshine Laws. Sheerie Green volunteered to help with the idea.

Saranya Konala volunteered to organize the list of priorities.

Andy Lowenthal suggested the following priorities: improve residential outreach; research opportunities for residential composting; educate public on proper recycling; research opportunities for electric vehicle chargers; educate residents on solar panel benefits; research electric vehicles for the Police Department; improve bicycle and pedestrian pathways; and educate residents on the impacts of outdoor lighting.

4. Newsletter Articles

The Committee agreed this agenda item was already discussed. Topics for future newsletter articles could be related to geothermal energy or responsible outdoor lighting.

NEW BUSINESS



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5. Chair and Vice Chair Nomination

The Committee voted Andy Lowenthal as Chair and Donna Spence as Vice Chair.

RESULT: Motion for Andy Lowenthal to act as Chair for fiscal year 2024

MOVER: Campbell

SECONDER: Spence

AYES: Greg Campbell, Donna Spence, Walker Gaffney, Sheerie Green, Saranya Konala, Andrew Lowenthal

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joseph Gaied

RESULT: Motion for Donna Spence to act as Vice Chair for fiscal year 2024

MOVER: Campbell

SECONDER: Spence

AYES: Greg Campbell, Donna Spence, Walker Gaffney, Sheerie Green, Saranya Konala, Andrew Lowenthal

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joseph Gaied

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

Melissa Bradford stated the city would be co-hosting a virtual Solar Power Hour on Wednesday, September 13, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. as part of the Grow Solar St. Louis program. The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 16.

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