



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

Online Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86390883476>

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 18, 2023 Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024
3. Newsletter Articles

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

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OCTOBER 18, 2023
5:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 20, 2023 Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee voted to approve the minutes. Walker Gaffney and Sheerie Green arrived after the vote was made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024

Saranya Konala asked committee members to email her any comments or suggestions they had on the drafted list of priorities. Andy Lowenthal volunteered to assist with the priorities related to electric vehicles/charging stations and solar energy. Paige Recker volunteered to assist with the priority related to electric vehicles/charging stations. Saranya suggested reaching out to other cities' environment committees to see how they have implemented electric vehicle charging stations. Council liaison Mark Manlin stated that the city received an application earlier this year that included EV charging stations at the Plaza Shops although it did not move forward. Mark Manlin stated that new projects often take EV charging into consideration, however the challenge is finding existing sites that can incorporate EV stations. Saranya noted that, in fiscal



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years 2022-2026, Missouri will receive nearly \$100 million to deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Donna Spence stated she would ask the City Administrator about the status of the solar light cost-share program.

Paige Recker suggested updating the Building Division pages of the city website to include information on energy-efficient options.

3. Newsletter Articles

Paige Recker volunteered to write an article on the environmental impact of real versus artificial Christmas trees. Donna Spence also suggested an article on sustainable, environmentally friendly holiday gifts. Melissa Bradford said an article may be included in the December newsletter if there is space and asked for the draft article to be sent by the beginning of November to allow time for other committee members to see it.

4. Electronics Recycling Event - October 19, 2023

Melissa Bradford reminded volunteers that the event will be on Thursday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Amoona. Volunteers will help with recording the zip codes of vehicles and handing out educational flyers. Andy Lowenthal, Paige Recker, and Donna Spence volunteered to help at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

Saranya Konala reported that the East-West Gateway Council of Governments applied for and received grant funding to conduct a regional Climate Action Plan.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF



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Melissa Bradford stated the next committee meeting is scheduled for November 15 and reminded members to complete the online ethics training by the end of October.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2023
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liaison Mark Manlin - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present
Joell Aguirre, Republic Services - Present

A quorum was not present. No official business was conducted, however members present did discuss some items on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 18, 2023 Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

A quorum was not present to vote on the minutes. Andy Lowenthal noted a correction to the minutes roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Republic Services Presentation: Waste Industry Update from Joell Aguirre

Joell Aguirre of Republic Services gave a waste industry update presentation. Joell stated that the goal is for municipalities to have a recycling contamination rate of 15% or lower. Of the 25 sites she manages, 9 sites have a rate of 15% or lower. Creve Coeur's recycling contamination rate is currently 7.8%. Joell also presented information on industry challenges during the past five years (including public confusion from greenwashing, labor issues and antiquated contracts) and future innovations (including



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electric vehicles, plastics circularity, and landfill gas to energy). Donna Spence asked about what rate increase the City will see when our current contract ends and the city goes out for bid. Joell stated that she does not have estimates to share but confirmed there would be an increase due to the industry challenges seen during the past five years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024

No discussion was held.

4. Newsletter Articles

Melissa Bradford stated the next available newsletter for an article would be the February newsletter, space permitting. The article would be due to by January 1st. Donna Spece suggested the topic of recycling, such as no plastic wrappers in the recycling bin.

5. Electronics Recycling Event Results

Melissa Bradford shared the results of the electronics recycling event held in October, which collected 22,878 pounds of electronics.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

Donna Spence stated that she has committed to participating in the Grow Solar program to have solar panels installed.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Donna Spence shared that she has a contact that is knowledgeable in geothermal energy and would like to connect with Council liaison Mark Manlin at some point to discuss more.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

Melissa Bradford stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th,



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and will get a headcount in advance to confirm a quorum.

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