



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
ONLINE MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2024
5:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 16, 2024, Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Discussion of Newsletter Article Submission
3. Climate Action Report

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

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ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Andrew Lowenthal - Present
Committee Vice Chair Saranya Konala - Present
Committee Member Joseph Gaied - Absent
Committee Member Walker Gaffney - Present
Committee Member Tarab Kumar - Present
Committee Member Robert McCormack - Present

Council Liaison Kim Norwood - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present
Chief Building Official Gregory Tate - Present
Manonetra Saravanabalaji - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of September 18, 2024 Minutes

Saranya Konala made a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment correcting the misspelling of "Vice Chair."

RESULT: Motion to approve September 18 2024 minutes as amended
MOVER: Energy & Environment Committee Member Konala
SECONDER: Energy & Environment Committee Member Kumar
AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Tarab Kumar, Robert McCormack
NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion of Newsletter Article Submission

Manonetra (Netra) Saravanabalaji, a Creve Coeur resident and 10th grader at Ladue Horton Watkins High School, was invited to the meeting to present her revised newsletter article submission to the Committee for consideration. Netra explained she



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recently participated in the Peace Warrior's Global Youth Program, which encouraged her to write and submit this newsletter article as a way to take action on good intentions. The newsletter article encourages members of the community to be conscious consumers and take actions to create a more sustainable environment, such as picking up litter and composting.

The Committee thanked Netra for submitting the well-written article and provided some feedback for edits before publication. Suggestions included providing more information about the Global Youth Program, providing examples of local clean-up events or encouraging people to pick up litter while walking around their neighborhoods, revising the first paragraph to make the language more factual and less judgmental of the reader, and adding a title.

The Committee invited Netra to attend the next committee meeting in November to discuss her revised article.

3. International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

Chief Building Official Gregory Tate provided the Committee with an update on the Creve Coeur Building Division's review and proposed adoption of the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) construction codes and keeping the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). Every few years, the City reviews its building codes in order to maintain good insurance ratings for the community. Gregory Tate stated that the 2021 IECC is widely considered too stringent and recommends keeping the 2015 IECC in place, which is already an environmentally strong code. Andy Lowenthal asked if future energy codes will become less stringent than the 2021 code, and if so, would the city adopt that code? Gregory stated yes, the plan is to keep the 2015 IECC for now and adopt the 2024 or 2027 IECC the next time. Next steps are to allow a 90-day public review period of the proposed building codes followed by adoption by the City Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Climate Action Plan

Saranya Konala shared a draft of the Climate Action Plan, updated based on comments from the City Council during the work session earlier this year. The updated draft



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included suggestions on how to measure progress, such as the city's recycling diversion rates and number of EV charging stations in the city. Melissa Bradford stated she could ask staff about how to obtain data for the measurables that the city doesn't currently have data for.

Melissa Bradford asked if the committee intended for this document to be (1) an ongoing report to be updated and shared with City Council as needed or (2) a formal plan for the City Council to adopt. The Committee agreed that the document is intended to be a report. Melissa Bradford stated once the report is ready, it could be posted on the Energy and Environment Committee page of the website.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Council member Kim Norwood stated that the Ward 2 Town Hall meeting is scheduled for that evening at 7:00 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

Melissa Bradford asked the Committee if they would be interested in returning to in-person meetings. The Committee agreed to return to in-person meetings beginning in January 2025. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.