



**AGENDA  
CITY OF CREVE COEUR  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
APRIL 16, 2025  
5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of March 19, 2025, Minutes

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. Newsletter Articles
3. Climate Action Report
4. Arbor Day - Sunday, April 27, 2025

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Recap: Cool Cities Meeting
6. Staff Report: Dielmann Recreation Complex Roof Replacement

**BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS**

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON**

**BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**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 Donna Spence - Present  
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of January 15, 2025, Minutes**

**RESULT:** Motion to approve the January 15, 2025, minutes  
**MOVER:** Robert McCormack  
**SECONDER:** Tarab Kumar  
**AYES:** Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Tarab Kumar, Robert McCormack  
**NAYS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2. Newsletter Articles**

Tarab Kumar shared her draft newsletter article with the Committee. The article was about environmentally friendly alternatives to pesticides, such as marigolds. The Committee suggested edits to the article, including adjustments to the format and additional emphasis on why these alternatives are better than pesticides. Tarab agreed to provide a revised version of the article for the committee to review. Melissa Bradford stated the article is tentatively scheduled for the June newsletter.

**3. Climate Action Report**

Saranya Konala shared the final completed draft of the updated Climate Action Plan.



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The Committee approved this final version and requested it be put on the website. The Committee discussed the need to update the information presented on the Energy & Environment Committee webpage. Saranya Konala volunteered to take an initial look at the webpages. Andy Lowenthal asked this be put on the next agenda for discussion.

**4. Arbor Day - Sunday, April 27, 2025**

Melissa Bradford reminded committee members about the Arbor Day event scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025, in Millennium Park. Andy Lowenthal and Donna Spence stated they would be able to attend. The Committee agreed to host the recycling game again at its table. Donna Spence suggested having a hand out with suggested actions people can take to live more sustainably. Saranya Konala suggested putting these items in a jar and having people draw from the jar.

**5. Tables at Heart to Heart Run / Summer Concerts**

Melissa Bradford stated that the Committee was welcome to have tables at other city events, like the Heart to Heart Run and summer concerts, if the Committee was interested in doing so. The Committee agreed they may be interested and said they would like to make a decision closer to the events.

**BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS**

No discussion was held.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON**

Donna Spence provided an update on the Solar-Powered Street Light Cost Share Program, stating that residential street lights will be limited to 3000K, which is more environmentally friendly than the 4000K. However, the street lights installed in Millennium Park will be 4000K. Donna stated the city made the decision to use 4000K lights in the park due to the city's perception that public perception feels they are safer, despite data suggesting otherwise.

Donna Spence stated that some City Council members have expressed an interest in touring Republic Services, and suggested committee members attend the tour as well.

Donna Spence encouraged Committee members to stay informed of Federal developments that impact environmental legislation and funding.



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Donna Spence recommended city staff put up better signage above the recycling bin in the employee break room at the Government Center to help improve recycling habits among staff.

**BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON**

Melissa Bradford stated the next meeting will be April 16, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.