



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD
MAY 21, 2025
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of April 16, 2025, Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Climate Action Report

Joint Work Session with City Council: June 9, 2025

3. Newsletter Articles

NEW BUSINESS

4. Energy & Environment Pages on Website

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

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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 - Absent
Committee Member Robert McCormack - Present

Council Liaison Donna Spence - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present
Director of Recreation Jason Valvero - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of March 19, 2025, Minutes

<p>RESULT: Motion to approve March 19, 2025, minutes MOVER: Walker Gaffney SECONDER: Saranya Konala AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Robert McCormack NAYS: None</p>
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Newsletter Articles

Melissa Bradford stated the next newsletter article will be Tarab Kumar's revised article on using plants as pest repellents in gardens.

Donna Spence suggested educating residents on the benefits of 3000K outdoor lighting (vs 4000K). Donna referred to an item under review by the City Council regarding parking lot lighting at LifeTime Fitness, stating she would like to see 3000K used in their parking lot because the site is surrounded by residential lots. Committee members agreed 3000K would be more beneficial, as research shows that lights greater than 3000K can negatively impact environmental and human health, such as negatively



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affecting bird migration and people's sleep cycles.

6. Staff Report: Dielmann Recreation Complex Roof Replacement

Jason Valvero, Director of Recreation, provided information about an upcoming project to replace the Dielmann Recreation Complex roof. The City is going out for bid for a new roof made of either asphalt or metal. The cost to take down and reinstall the existing solar panel system would be approximately \$50,000 dollars, which would wipe out any savings from the solar panels for their remaining lifespan. A metal roof would have a longer lifespan than asphalt. Saranya Konala stated she has had a good experience with her metal roof and solar panels at home, with no leaks. The City may also consider pursuing a new expanded solar grid with a 30-year lifespan, with payback in 15-20 years. The results of the bids will determine which option is financially best, which will be shared with the committee.

3. Climate Action Report

Saranya Konala stated she looked over the website. It needs to be updated with recent city progress and cleaned up to remove broken links. Donna Spence recommended including the Green Business Program and the CAP Phase 3 in future resident and business newsletters.

Melissa Bradford stated the City Council will plan on having a joint work session with the committee in June. Members stated either date in June works for them.

4. Arbor Day - Sunday, April 27, 2025

Melissa Bradford stated she can print any handouts needed for the event. Saranya Konala suggested having ideas for environmentally friendly actions written on pieces of paper for people to draw from a bowl. Donna Spence suggested having a poster board with recyclables / non-recyclables taped to the board. Melissa Bradford stated she would buy candy to give away at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Recap: Cool Cities Meeting



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Andy Lowenthal provided a recap of the Cool Cities meeting held on April 3 at Clayton City Hall about data tools for a healthier city. Andy stated there are several cities that are taking action to be sustainable, such as Clayton and University City. Some cities have no idling laws and are members of the Climate Mayor's Agreement. Andy asked what the Committee would need to do to get the Mayor to sign the Climate Mayor's Agreement. Melissa Bradford stated the committee would have to draft a memo explaining the benefits and vote on the recommendation.

Andy invited the chair of the Clayton environmental committee to attend the next E&E Committee meeting.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

Melissa Bradford stated the City has officially applied for the St. Louis Waste Reduction Grant to fund the annual Document Shred Event and Electronics Recycling Event.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, May 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.