



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD
COUNCIL CHAMBER
APRIL 15, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of March 11, 2026, Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

2. Green Cities Challenge Discussion with Guest Speakers:
 - Jaclyn Jezik, EarthWays Center Sustainability Specialist
 - Jean Ponzi, Missouri Botanical Garden Green Resources Manager

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Newsletter Articles
4. Arbor Day 2026

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____
Date/Time posted: _____

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MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
MARCH 11, 2026
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liaison Donna Spence - Absent
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of January 21, 2026, Minutes

<p>RESULT: Motion to approve January 21, 2026, minutes MOVER: Andrew Lowenthal SECONDER: Walker Gaffney AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Robert McCormack NAYS: None</p>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Green Business Award

The committee reviewed the nominee for the Green Business Award. The committee was impressed with the nominee's qualifications, including the facility's vegetative green roof, stormwater retention vault, bioretention filtration system, and DarkSky-compliant lighting fixtures. The committee voted to recommend Spirit Lexus for the Green Business Award 2026, and their recommendation will be shared with the Economic Development Committee for consideration.

<p>RESULT: Motion to recommend Spirit Lexus as the recipient of the Green Business Award 2026 MOVER: Walker Gaffney</p>



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SECONDER: Andrew Lowenthal

AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Robert McCormack

NAYS: None

3. Arbor Day

Melissa Bradford stated that the Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, April 26, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Millennium Park. In past years, the committee has had a booth with activities and educational material at this event.

Saranya Konala said she has the materials for the recycling game, where attendees can pick an item and decide whether it goes in the trash or recycling, and materials for the suggestion box, where attendees draw a piece of paper from a jar that suggests an environmentally friendly action to try that week. Melissa Bradford said she would purchase candy for the table to give away and asked the committee to think about whether they would like any educational materials at the booth.

4. St. Louis Green Cities Challenge

Andy Lowenthal provided a recap of the Green Business Challenge Showcase event in February, noting various organizations present and the presentation about alternative transportation options. Melissa Bradford stated that the first Green Cities Challenge Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 8:30-11:00 a.m., at EarthWays Center. The goal of the initial workshop will be to share initial ideas and ask questions. Some initial ideas from the committee include installing a Ripple Glass recycling container, hosting a paint recycling event, and coordinating a community litter pickup day.

5. Newsletter Articles

Walker Gaffney presented his newsletter article on ways to repel deer in gardens. The committee suggested edits and approved the article for publication in a future newsletter. Melissa Bradford stated that the article was currently scheduled for the May newsletter.

Saranya Konala offered to write a future newsletter article promoting the city's Green Business Certification program.



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6. Data Centers

Saranya Konala stated that data centers are unlikely to pose an issue in Creve Coeur, as the city does not have suitable existing sites and any available land is considered highly valuable for other types of development. This item will be removed from future agendas.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

Melissa Bradford shared information about a group solar buy program called Switch Together, sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Gardens and MREA. This program is similar to the previous program, Grow Solar, that the city participated in several years ago. There is no cost to the city to participate. The city's logo would be put on marketing materials sent to the St. Louis region. The committee agreed to move forward with exploring participation in this program. Melissa Bradford will schedule an informational meeting with the organizers.

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.