



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JUNE 17, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of April 15, 2026, Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Green Cities Challenge
3. Newsletter Articles

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

ADJOURNMENT

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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 - Present

Council Liaison Donna Spence - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present
Jaclyn Jezik, EarthWays Center Sustainability Specialist - Present
Jean Ponzi, Missouri Botanical Garden Green Resources Manager - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of March 11, 2026, Minutes

<p>RESULT: Motion to approve the March 11, 2026, Minutes MOVER: Andrew Lowenthal SECONDER: Walker Gaffney AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Robert McCormack, David Morgenstern NAYS: None</p>

Committee members and guests conducted introductions.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Jaclyn Jezik and Jean Ponzi attended the event to speak with the Committee, offer advice on ways the City can be more green, and answer any questions about the Green Cities Challenge (GCC). The GCC is voluntary and self-reporting, with a menu of policy



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and practice items to work toward. Jaclyn Jezik stated she would send the menu.

Donna Spence asked if the GCC has a resource person available to help answer resident questions about sustainability, and Jean confirmed they do. Jaclyn Jezik also offered to host talks for the community about sustainability topics of interest to the community. She also stated several cities do "no mow" or "low mow" April, as well as Leave the Leaves in the fall, to benefit pollinators and insects. The Committee also discussed the benefits of native plants and possible ordinances to encourage them.

Melissa Bradford stated the City Council will be considering the Switch Together program at an upcoming meeting, and the Committee is interested in getting a Ripple Glass container.

Jean Ponzi also recommended hosting a paint recycling event. Andy Lowenthal agreed with this idea. Melissa Bradford stated that this year, staff could work on figuring out the logistics, and next year, apply for grant funding to host the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Newsletter Articles

No discussion was held.

4. Arbor Day 2026

The Committee discussed additional needs for the Arbor Day event, including educational information about battery disposal and an interactive board where attendees can add ways they are helping the environment. Andy Lowenthal and Donna Spence volunteered to work the committee's booth at the event.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

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Melissa Bradford stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20.

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