

MINUTES

May 2, 2024

Members Present: Jay Coldwell, Jean Abreu, Carol Lukens, Mary Kluz, Jesse Kearns

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Brad Lenz, Doug Diny

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting started at 5:02 pm

2. Public Comment

n/a

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Green Tier Legacy Community Scorecard Actions

Included in the packet are the Supporting Actions from the GTLC scorecard. Lynch suggested that the committee did not have to wait for the Climate Action Plan to act. Out of 130 actions on the list, the City may be already doing some, some are more difficult, some are not applicable to Wausau but there should be something that could be started as a 'low-hanging fruit'. Kearns noted the Universal Design item LUSA-8 might be well accepted in our community. Coldwell asked if all the actions could be charted out to measure the ease of doing them versus the impact. Lenz noted that we may not need to chart each action because they may not apply or are already being done. The committee discussed that looking at the larger long-term picture is more effective. Lukens was interested in doing something with the requirement of clean energy in development agreements. Kluz would like to compare the GTLC scorecard from 2022 to 2023 and use that to help select Supporting Actions.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Development of questionnaire for city departments

Kluz envisions a discussion with department heads to see how the committee can best support them in pursuing the GHG resolution goals and items that are important to their department mission. Lenz suggested that Mayor Diny should be involved as the head of staff because he did ask, as an alder, that the GHG resolution not just sit. Kearns offered to pull out actions from the GTLC that might seem likely to be discussed by the department heads. The questions were suggested "What do you see for opportunities from the GTLC scorecard items?" and "What are the future challenges to providing city services because of climate change?". Lenz suggested further defining what the changes and challenges would be. Lynch will clean up the questions and bring them back to the next meeting. Lenz suggested that this could be more informal and more of a conversation with up to 2 committee members, staff, and the department head. Coldwell will produce a summary of the general direction of climate change to provide context for the department heads. Diny offered to push this information out during a department head meeting. He also suggested that Eric Lindman of DPW and MaryAnne Groat of Finance would have the most impact to talk with.

13. Next meeting date: June 6

14. Adjourn

Motion/Second by Kearns/Coldwell. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 6:24 pm