

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee met at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday December 11, 2024, in the Prairie Village City Hall multipurpose room. Recording Secretary Travis Wymore.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Greg Shelton, Amy Brooks, Travis Carson, Dave Huyett, Nathan Kovac, Melinda Lewis, Penny Mahon, Piper Reimer, Rick Wohlfarth, Travis Wymore, Tamara McMahon, and staff liaison Ashley Freburg.

Approval of the Agenda

Tamara McMahon moved to approve the agenda, and Rick Wohlfarth seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as written.

Approval of the October 2024 Meeting Minutes

Greg Shelton noted that the date in the October minutes was incorrect regarding the date of the meeting. Nathan Kovac moved to amend the October Minutes to correct the date reference for the prior meeting from August to October 2024; Dave Huyett seconded the motion.

Melinda Lewis moved to approve the minutes, and Rick Wohlfarth seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the October minutes.

New Business

1. Greg provided an update on the new City Hall project. LEED platinum status for new facilities remains the City's goal. The acquisition of the Bible Church is intended to permit the development of a new City Hall. This would allow the police department and municipal court to expand throughout the current municipal complex at LEED Gold development standards. Greg was initially opposed due to concerns about the inefficiency of the Bible Church building. On professional advice, the City began considering razing and rebuilding, which was determined to be less expensive and more efficient. The City has approved the acquisition. The next step is to determine what gets constructed and whether LEED Platinum should be the standard for that project. Greg noted that solar power and EV charging are expected to be part of the plan. The committee discussed speaking with their council members and engaging with neighbors advocating for LEED standards for the new facilities.
2. A discussion on the failed community center project and the library occurred.

Old Business

1. **Finalize 2026 Budget Allocations & Potential Projects.** Greg called for proposals:
 1. Melinda Lewis suggested offering mini-grants to schools or other institutions that have plans for environmental initiatives for the 2027 budget.
 2. Greg Shelton requested a representative volunteer from the committee for the Go Green committee. Nathan Kovac volunteered.
 3. Greg Shelton requested a discussion on mattress recycling. After a robust discussion, the matter was tabled until January.
 4. Greg Shelton planned to finalize the 2026 budget based upon the status quo of initiatives.
 5. Rick Wohlfarth proposed to expand the sustainable landscape grant.
2. **Committee T-Shirt order status** – Ashley Freburg notified the committee that she is

dissatisfied with the T-shirt vendor and is going to switch vendors due to lack of communication if they cannot deliver shirts by 12/31.

3. **Cities Race to Zero/CDP Reporting** – Greg Shelton reported delays in reporting/scoring. The information is not out, and so there is no report currently.

Announcements

1. Next meeting: January 22, 2025. The secretary is to be determined.
2. Village Voice deadline February 5, 2025. Please try to submit articles 6-8 weeks prior to the publication date.
3. Travis Carson notes that Cole Robinson has an informative post on the new City Hall project.

Adjournment

Nathan Kovac moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick Wohlfarth. All were in favor.

Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.