

Cass Lake Energy & Environment Planning Team Meeting 2

December 15, 2021 5-6:30pm

Present: Tracey Fineday, Mike Hanson, Randy Finn, Dan Evans, Ken Moen, Brandy Toft, Jason Halvorson, Erica Bjelland, Brendan Lee-Gilligan, BJ Allen.

The meeting started at 5pm and there were several new faces welcomed.

Everyone very briefly introduced themselves. We reviewed **Energy & Environment Planning topics** and the process to establish the Energy & Environment Plan. The five topic areas include:

- Storm Events
- Water
- Land & Food
- Waste
- Energy

The Planning process will consist of 4 planning team meetings. The **goal of each meeting** will be:

1. Revise draft survey and prepare for community release.
2. Develop draft city Goals and Action Steps to achieve those goals for a 5-year time horizon.
3. Prioritize the Goals and Action Steps, review the Survey Results, and provide feedback on the Draft Plan.
4. Based on the Five-year work plan, determine who and how to achieve prioritized Goals and Action Steps, and review the final draft plan.

After the final meeting, the plan will be submitted to City Council and once the plan is approved, project work can begin. **Funding for selected projects must be expended by June 30, 2022.**

We reviewed the number of survey responses received, brainstormed about how we might get more responses, and went over the purpose of the community survey again. The **purpose of the survey** is:

- A. Understand community-level Energy & Environment engagement.
- B. Identify community perceived risks and mitigation strategies related to Energy & Environment.
- C. Provide city with community data to support actions taken.

In order to complete project prioritization at the next meeting, we established a set of three criteria against which the goals and action steps will be measured. The **Criteria were as follows**, with weight in parentheses:

1. Supports ensuring residents feel safe and secure to support a welcoming and affordable community to live, work, play and raise a family. (3)
2. Protects our natural resources. (2)
3. Easy to maintain. (1)

Next, we moved to brainstorming Goals and Action Steps around Energy & Environment work in the city. These results can be located in the “Goals and Action Steps” document.

The next meeting will be held on January 19th from 5-6:30pm at the Cass Lake City Hall.

Additional notes:

Jason Halvorson (DRM) can test for asbestos and other contamination on properties and soils in Cass Lake, so no need to spend any money externally on that.