



DATE: March 21, 2023

TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

FROM: Kerri Seemann

SUBJECT: GreenStep Cities Program

Background

There were requests for information about the background of the city's participation in the program. This was provided by Dave Perrault: "In a nutshell, we are a Green Step City 2, we got Step 1 in 2016 (resolution attached) and Step 2 in 2018. Initially, our previous Recreation Coordinator was leading Green Step efforts, then it was transitioned to the Associate Planner, neither of those positions exist today. Below is the link to the webpage for our progress. It is my understanding that by more or less signing up to participate a City is awarded Step 1, and with some additional effort can attain Step 2. Future work on Green Steps would really come down to available resources and staffing, if we were to pursue additional steps and we would need to identify people to do the work (maybe something PTRC can assist with?). The timing of this may line up with a Climate Action Roadmap that was previously discussed at a City Council Work Session, depending on the direction that goes I would anticipate goals of a Climate Action Roadmap and Green Step initiatives would go hand-in-hand. That said, if the PTRC would like to recommend or discuss Green Steps Further, we can certainly discuss what that would look like, but we would want to be clear on what the PTRC is recommending to Council so we can devise a game plan should it move forward. I would recommend if PTRC wants to discuss further, having one member work with Lucas and Matt on what to present or bring forward for discussion allowing Staff to be prepared and have a worthwhile discussion."

We can discuss if there are any actions from the list that we would like to add to our work plan for the coming year.

Attachment

Attachment A - GreenStepCities