

Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)

From: Mike and Benita <warns@pclink.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:54 PM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sustainable Power/Wind/Solar Zoning Issues

Please share these comments with the members of the Planning Commission during the public hearing on this subject.

This zoning language appears to be based on common practices in other municipalities and is logical. I believe that our power systems should be decentralized and that homes should use a combination of several power sources that include renewable sources. These zoning amendments support the ability of property owners to procure and use renewable energy sources to supply power needs to their buildings.

There is one thing that I believe must be addressed, and that is guaranteeing access to adequate sunlight for existing property owners. When a new development is proposed that will be substantially larger than what is being replaced, the adjacent property owners should be guaranteed that the new development will not cast new shadows or block sunlight to their properties. To prove this, a shadow analysis must be required to be submitted along with the rest of the building plans and considered in the site plan analysis. In the event that the proposed new building would cast new shadows on any adjacent property, the developer must agree to compensate the property owner for lost access to sunlight or alter the plans to remove the shadows. That compensation could include such items as replacement of permanent landscape plantings that require sunlight or payments to cover loss of use of a solar energy system. No developer should be allowed to build a structure that will prevent an adjacent property owner from future installation of a solar energy system.

Planning for solar energy in St. Paul, especially smaller residential systems, must include guaranteed access to sufficient air space to capture the sunlight needed to operate the systems.

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Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)

From: Lorraine Delehanty <delelor@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: renewable energy comment

Jake,
This is perhaps a little more focused on the question.

I urge St. Paul Planning and Economic Development to create a city ordinance addressing solar as a principal use.

The reasons for the urgency of this ordinance are the following:

As a concerned citizen of St. Paul, I believe that it is common sense to decarbonize our energy system. The moment is now to convert to clean energy. Our capital city can be an example to other cities. It will give hope as we transition to wind and solar energy. I urgently encourage you to act to make this transition to clean energy possible. At the national level, the policy makers are not in this conversion, so at the local level we must take the power to do what is right. The St. Paul Climate Action Group has laid a fine groundwork for going to the next step of solar gardens and wind turbines.

As a person of faith, I believe it is good social responsibility and stewardship to move toward carbon neutrality. I believe it is wise to use less energy as well as converting to renewables. I also believe that MN is a leader. Power is at the city level in more ways than one. Our cities have an opportunity to be stronger than ever. As the co-chair of a local Care for Creation group (St. Thomas More Catholic Community) and a concerned citizen, I encourage your group to create this city ordinance for solar as a principal use for the citizens of St. Paul

Thank you for all that you do.

Lorraine Delehanty

On Nov 2, 2017, at 6:45 AM, "Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)" <jake.reilly@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Thank you! I will be sure to provide this to the Planning Commission.

-Jake

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Please note: I am out of the office on alternate Fridays, with limited ability to access email and voicemail. I will return your message as soon as I am able.

From: Lorraine Delehanty [mailto:delelor@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 6:39 AM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul) <jake.reilly@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: renewable energy comment

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

On 11/1/2017 3:45 PM, Lorraine Delehanty wrote:

In addition, if you or the committee or the multi-church sustainability initiative you spoke about care to submit comments before the close of the public hearing, you/they may do so via my email or mailing address (below) before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6th, when the hearing will be closed

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As a person of faith, I believe it is good social responsibility and stewardship to move toward carbon neutrality. I believe it is wise to use less energy as well as converting to renewables. I also believe that MN is a leader. We need to act big and think big. Power is at the city level in more ways than one. Our cities have an opportunity to be stronger than ever. As the chair of a local Care for Creation group (St. Thomas More Catholic Community), I would like climate change to be a personal concern for folks who will support the city's efforts at decarbonization.

Lorraine Delehanty

Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)

From: Judith Oberhauser <jeoriveroberh@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 6:52 PM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Going solar

Yes, I do urge our council to make St. Paul a true city of light. We need to go solar! This is a prophetic stance which we need to insure happens! Thanks. Judith

Sent from my iPad

Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)

From: JUDY M WOLFF <jzwolff@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Carbon Footprint

I am a 49 resident of St. Paul. It has been a wonderful experience and I plan on living here for the rest of my life. However, as a concerned citizen of St. Paul, I believe that it is common sense to decarbonize our energy system. The moment is now to convert to clean energy. Our capital city can be an example to other cities.

Thank you for the work that you do.

Judy Wolff
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Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)

From: Bernadette Welter <bwelter@usfamily.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 05, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Public comment.....

I urge the St. Paul Planning and Economic Development to create a city ordinance addressing solar as a principal use. Thank you for considering this request.

Bernadette Welter

Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)

From: William Delehanty <delebill@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Reilly, Jake (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Solar as a Principal Use

I write in support of a St. Paul city ordinance to classify solar energy as a principal use. There is an urgent national need to convert to clean, non-polluting energy production. Solar energy can do that. We in St. Paul can make sure that the groundwork, literally, is established here for solar energy to be produced for our use. I have heard about the use of solar gardens and I hope that we can make it feasible for such to be developed here in St. Paul.

Thank you,

William Delehanty

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