



Wauwatosa, WI

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:30 PM

Committee Room #1

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Zoe Hastert.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 Member, Chair Michael Arney
Member Heather Deaton
Member Seth Flanders
Member Zoe Hastert
Member John Horky
Member Jill McClellan
Member Steven Ostrenga
Member Katherine Riebe
Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst

Excused 2 Member Rob Zimmerman
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

Present

Megan Conway, Wauwatosa Sustainability Manager

Dave Simpson, Public Works Director

Karalin Black, Tosa resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2025, regular meeting [25-0526](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Seth Flanders
SECONDER: Katherine Riebe
Aye: 9 Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Hastert, Horky, McClellan, Ostrenga, Riebe,
and Schmitt-Ernst
Excused: 1 Zimmerman, and Dolan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [25-0527](#)
Ms. Riebe had sent an upcoming Tosa Together event featuring Reggie Jackson on April 24 at 6:30 PM at the Wauwatosa Library Firefly Room. Title is "Midwest Nice Apartheid: A short history of segregation in

metro Milwaukee. Mr. Arney and Mr. Schmitt-Ernst offered a reminder of a concert and community event on Saturday, April 26 from noon to 3:00 called Rock the Green. <<https://www.rockthegreen.com/>>. Ms. McClellan shared that Wilson/WSTEM is having a compost sale as a fundraiser. She will share more details.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. City Sustainability Manager introduction and Q&A [25-0528](#)

The group introduced themselves to Ms. Conway. Discussion included ideas of low hanging fruit like aligning to the energy resolution and connecting with organizations and groups in Wauwatosa and across the area. Mr. Simpson shared that Megan will be working on a variety of projects.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Annual report review and approval [25-0529](#)

The group reviewed and edited the final draft of the report. There are some additional edits that Mr. Arney agreed to make.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Michael Arney

SECONDER: Jill McClellan

Aye: 9 Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Hastert, Horky, McClellan, Ostrenga, Riebe, and Schmitt-Ernst

Excused: 1 Zimmerman, and Dolan

4. 2025 Goals review and approval [25-0530](#)

The 2025 goals were discussed and approved with the Annual Report.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. Wauwatosa School District updates [25-0531](#)

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Subcommittee (E2S2)-Deaton - Next E2S2 meeting is April 7th, no updates since the last meeting. Outreach to school "green teams"-McClellan - Jill is meeting with Kevin LaFontaine this week to discuss further compost and recycling ideas.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. WLGCC update [25-0532](#)

Ms. Conway shared that she attended one meeting so far and will go through orientation in the coming weeks with WLGCC staff leaders. She is adding content for their Progress Report.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Outreach plans for summer; schedule [25-0533](#)

- Tosa Tonight - Ms. Deaton will reach out to the organizers to check on dates
- Farmers' Market - Ms. Hastert is working on dates
- Tosa Green Summit - Ms. Deaton is on the planning committee, Ms. Hastert will schedule the table

i. Ms. Hastert is planning an adult audience movie event for the fall

ii. Ms. Deaton will be bringing educational seminar ideas

iii. Mr. Simpson will work with the City to involve WSC at TosaFest and HartFest.

Ms. McClellan asked about ways to encourage or implement better waste management practices at community events. PlasticFreeMKE and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful could be a source of ideas. Event/vending permitting could be a way to reduce certain types of waste.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

8. Housing Commission update [25-0534](#)

Mr. Horky shared the JHC had a good meeting with Mark Hammond on 3/11. The JHC co-presented in March two community meetings to promote fair housing in the City; these were lightly-attended. The JHC has also reached out to the leadership of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center regarding the topic of affordable housing.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

9. Green Tier Legacy update [25-0535](#)

Mr. Arney thanked Ms. Conway for her help on the Green Tier Legacy reporting.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm after a motion by Mr. Flanders, seconded by Ms. McClellan and was approved unanimously.