



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Sustainability Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6:30 PM

Zoom Only:  
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/81245734808>,  
Meeting ID: 812 4573 4808

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 8**      Member, Chair Rob Zimmerman  
Member Michael Arney  
Member Heather Deaton  
Member Seth Flanders  
Member John Horky  
Member Steven Ostrenga  
Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst  
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

**Excused 3**      Member Zoe Hastert  
Member Jill McClellan  
Member Katherine Riebe

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the September 3, 2025, regular meeting [25-1719](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Seth Flanders  
**SECONDER:** John Horky  
**Aye: 7**      Zimmerman, Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Horky, Ostrenga, Schmitt-Ernst,  
and Dolan  
**Excused: 3**      Hastert, McClellan, and Riebe

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/ events [25-1720](#)  
*Mr. Arney shared that Green Tier Legacy Communities group has been great to work with .  
Mr. Schmidt-Ernst shared that the Restoring Land Trust (formerly Ozaukee-Washington Land Trust) is  
hosting an event on October 17 at the Urban Ecology Center.*
2. National Wildlife Habitat endorsement letter [25-1721](#)

*Letter shows support of the Certified Wildlife Habitat efforts. Ms Conway will share the letter with the communications team as approved, pending signature.*

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Steven Ostrenga

**SECONDER:** John Horky

**Aye:** 7 Zimmerman, Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Horky, Ostrenga, Schmitt-Ernst, and Dolan

**Excused:** 3 Hastert, McClellan, and Riebe

3. City Sustainability Manager update [25-1722](#)

*The City will have solar on three buildings by the end of 2025. CGSchmidt will work on the installation on the library and City Hall.*

*She is working on a communications plan with a focus on the channels available. Mr. Ostrenga and Ms. Deaton will be included in the first review.*

*Mr. Arney will attend the SWERPC meetings with Ms. Conway.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. 2026 goal setting discussion and alignment [25-1723](#)

*Ms. Conway went through a draft of near-term goals with the group. The emphasis is supporting the 3-5-year timeframe goals. The committee committed to providing feedback by October 20.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. Outreach recap, plans for upcoming months [25-1724](#)

- Tosa Green Summit recap
- Kids movie, January 2026

*Ms. Deaton shared Tosa Green Summit results. 612 cars came through the hazardous waste collection. 10 attendees were at each speaker session. Table representatives estimated they spoke to 35-40 citizens, having good conversations. Dates for 2026 have been tentatively set.*

*Ideas for future tabling/events is to plan the materials and talking points to align with the committee and sustainability goals. Committee can work on a refreshed 'table kit' as short-term goals are solidified.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Wauwatosa School District updates [25-1725](#)

- Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Subcommittee
- Outreach to school "green teams"

*No updates since last meeting.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Joint Housing Coalition update [25-1726](#)

*Ms. Conway was enthusiastically welcomed. Topics and ideas, we discussed in the conversation were: Better connecting homeowners & renters to affordable utility programs, to relieve cost burdens e.g., insulation, energy assessments.*

*More sustainable multi-family housing stock is in direct alignment with more affordable housing stock.*

*Ms. Conway can coordinate with the JHC on zoning changes being more sustainable ... this is a critical*

issue.

Leverage development requirements for TIF districts to be more responsive to sustainability.

Coordinate with MKE County and City of MKE.

Engage with the City's Community Development Authority (CDA) to consider sustainability when tapping the Housing Trust Fund in the future.

The JHC is currently focused on providing detailed feedback on the draft zoning proposal to City Planning staff prior to the Plan Commission meeting on Oct 13th. To do so, the JHC rescheduled its next meeting from 10/14 to 10/6.

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**8.** Networking /outreach to neighboring communities

[25-1727](#)

Mr. Zimmerman learned of other green teams and committees and suggest that WSC reach out to convene or communicate across the communities.

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.