



# CITY OF WAUWATOSA

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES--DRAFT

8/7/2024

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting  
Zoom ID 812 4573 4808

## REGULAR MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

### ROLL CALL

Name	Role	Present	Excused
Mike Arney	Chair	X	
Seth Flanders	Member	X	
Heather Deaton	Member	X	
Alder Melissa Dolan	Common Council Liaison		X
Zoe Hastert	Vice Chair	X	
Rob Hoverman	Member	X	
Steve Ostrenga	Member	X	
Chuck Pomerence	City Liaison		X
Katherine Riebe	Member		X
Ian Schmitt-Ernst	Member	X	
Rob Zimmerman	Secretary	X	

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2024 MEETING

Motion to approve by Ian Schmitt-Ernst; seconded by Heather Deaton. Approved unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Announcements and upcoming activities/events--all (5 minutes)
  - MKE Water Commons “We Are Water” event at McKinley Beach on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Green & Healthy Schools Conference on August 21<sup>st</sup>. [2024 Green & Healthy Schools Conference — Green Schools Consortium of Milwaukee \(refloh2o.com\)](#)
  - Rob Hoverman announced his intention to resign from the committee effective today.
- B. Compost Crusaders outreach
  - Compost Crusaders are looking for support in identifying business/non-profits who are willing to host drop sites for compost in Wauwatosa. WSC members to reach out through their networks.
- C. Outreach updates/prep/expenses
  - Steve Ostrenga moved to approve spending up to \$100 for signage and printing; Rob Zimmerman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
  - Tosa Green Summit is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Zoe Hastert, Steve Ostrenga, and Rob Zimmerman will represent WSC at the event.
  - Hazardous waste drop-off will be at the City Yard on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Having this on a separate date and in a different location from the Green Summit is a change from previous years.

D. Sustainability page on City website.

- WSC agreed to provide content for regular updates. Heather Deaton, Zoe Hastert, and Rob Zimmerman agreed to meet and develop a content strategy.

E. Grow Solar MKE update

- Group buy has been extended to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Arch Solar and Full Spectrum are participating installers.
- No update on EECBG. City still intends to use funds to purchase an EV truck.
- Green Tier Legacy Cities—no update
- A proposed car-free holiday resolution was tabled for this year.

F. Schools update

- Mike Arney reached out to the District's new CFO and facilities lead to schedule meetings. Response pending.
- Connect with Board member Lynne Woehrle about how WSC can best support the new sustainability work group.

G. WLGCC update

- Heather Deaton shared meeting notes. Annual meeting is in October. Resources are available on their website: <https://wlgcc.org>

H. Electrification

- EPA published a new calculator that shows potential Inflation Reduction Act rebates for homeowners. This may be a better alternative to the Rewiring America site.
- Mike Arney suggested we offer to do a mid-year update to the Council sometime this fall. He will work through Ald. Dolan to get it scheduled. Zoe Hastert, Seth Flanders, Steve Ostrenga, and Mike Arney offered to help prepare content for the update.
- Mike Arney shared a presentation from one of Chicago's suburbs as an example.

I. Sustainability staff

- Since the grant to fund shared regional sustainability staff was not granted, the City is looking at other options. WSC will continue to support City staff as requested in this effort.

J. September meeting

- WSC will meet in person on September 4<sup>th</sup>, for the first time since early 2020. Mike Arney will identify a location that meets accessibility and technology requirements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. made by Seth Flanders; seconded by Rob Zimmerman. Approved unanimously.

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