



Wauwatosa, WI

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

6:30 PM

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

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

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 Rob Zimmerman

Excused 2 Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

Present

Megan Conway, Wauwatosa Sustainability Manager
Cornelia Beilke, resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2025 regular meeting [25-0711](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Seth Flanders
SECONDER: Zoe Hastert
Aye: 9 Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Hastert, Horky, McClellan, Ostrenga, Riebe,
and Zimmerman
Excused: 1 Schmitt-Ernst, and Dolan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [25-0712](#)
Ms. Hastert shared that there is a textile recycling drive through Tosa Rec at the Fisher Building happening this Saturday, May 10.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**2. City Sustainability Manager update [25-0713](#)**

Grow Solar Milwaukee-Waukesha County provides group solar buy opportunities for residents. This will go before the Common Council for approval to include Wauwatosa in the promotional materials. Arch Solar offers 'power hour' educational opportunities that may be useful for engagement of Wauwatosa residents; the group agreed this would be helpful for adoption. Firefly Grove Park opening celebration is Wed, May 28 - Megan invites committee members to be at the City of Wauwatosa table at the event, highlighting sustainability efforts. Nearby Firefly Grove Park, there is land managed by Blue Ribbon Compost where compost is collected and processed, including Compost Crusaders using this as a drop-off spot. Ms Conway is considering other promotion opportunities for the City's sustainability efforts like Waste Wizard and the Ford Lightning (EV truck) that is in the fleet. Ms Conway asked for feedback and ideas for waste reduction, C&D debris recycler connections and Grow Solar participant residents.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**3. Annual report presentation plan [25-0714](#)**

Mr. Zimmerman will get on the schedule for June along with any additional asks/needs we have in 2025.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**4. 2025 Goals [25-0715](#)**

- a. Support work of Sustainability Manager
- b. Establish and grow partnerships
- c. Engage with residents and businesses
- d. Improved energy and GHG reporting

The goals had been approved through the annual report review. Mr. Zimmerman suggests we have sub-teams to focus on each goal and asked members to let him know which goal/subteam they want to be a part of. He asked for this by the next meeting. Goals/subteams will be viewed through 'what does success look like for 2025' and can center activities and priorities around those success measures. The group responded favorably to this.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**5. Wauwatosa School District updates [25-0716](#)**

- a. Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Subcommittee (E2S2)
- b. Outreach to school "green teams"

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Subcommittee (E2S)- Ms Deaton shared that Ms Conway attended the most recent E2S Subcommittee meeting and educated the group on the infrastructure projects of the City, mostly solar installations. Ms Deaton asked the group who the best person would be to give more insight into the solar installation process. Instead of going to Mr. Simpson at DPW, the group felt it will be more efficient for Mr. Ostrenga and Mr. Pomeranke to be the resources. Ms Deaton will schedule time with a couple of the E2S members. The E2S meetings will move to every other month.

School Engagement - Ms McClellan shared that she is working with Mr. LaFontaine about getting signs and appropriate bins for rubbish, recycling and potentially composting. Mr. Flanders has been chosen to the Secondary School Ad Hoc Committee, where they will review proposed models of secondary schools and other needs.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**6. Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC) update [25-0717](#)**

Ms. Conway shared that she is engaging in the vehicle electrification and renewable energy work groups . There is a workshop for technical assistance coming up.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Outreach plans for summer; schedule [25-0718](#)

Engagement idea - Ms. Hastert proposed having sustainability related books to handout - children's books and adult books - at our tabling events this year. She will price out what costs would be. We also have light bulbs from previous engagements. There is no Tosa Community Fair this year. Farmers' Market - Ms. Hastert confirmed July 5 as the date for tabling. Tosa Green Summit the date for tabling is Sept 20.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

8. Housing Commission update [25-0719](#)

Mr. Horky provided an update on coalition's activities/focus:

- *Engaging the Plan Commission in the development of its proposed zoning regulation changes, target date is late summer*
- *Working with the Community Development Authority, to shape their considerations in establishing a housing fund policy and use of the existing Affordable Housing Trust Fund*
- *Ongoing steps to engage with MRMC; and Mr. Arney provided YIMBY info*
- *Engagement in the "Tosa Housing Week" events starting on October 6th, including a "Missing Middle" Housing Tour on Saturday Oct 11th.*
- *Advocating for affordable housing in the state budget process, by contacting assembly members and state senators*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

9. Green Tier Legacy update [25-0720](#)

Mr. Arney shared there is no update. There is a Climate Migration webinar on May 15.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm after a motion by Ms. Hastert, seconded by Mr. Flanders and was approved unanimously.