



Wauwatosa, WI

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

6:30 PM

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

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present 11 Member, Chair Rob Zimmerman
Member 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
Alderpersion Liaison Melissa Dolan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the August 6, 2025, regular meeting [25-1337](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Seth Flanders
SECONDER: Ian Schmitt-Ernst
Aye: 10 Zimmerman, Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Hastert, Horky, McClellan, Ostrenga, Riebe, Schmitt-Ernst, and Dolan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [25-1338](#)
Mr. Zimmerman shared that there is buckthorn removal at Hoyt Park this Saturday, Sept 6 from 9:00 to 11:00. Volunteers should meet by the east side of the pool.
M.r Arney shared that Green Neighbor is hosting a table at the Tosa Farmers Market this Saturday, Sept 6. He also noted that volunteers are needed for traffic management for the Tosa Green Summit on Sept 13 and Sept 20.
Mr. Ostrenga shared that he will be attending the RE Plus conference (solar) in Las Vegas.
2. City Sustainability Manager update [25-1339](#)

Ms. Conway reviewed her monthly report focusing on some highlights:

Ms. Conway asked for help from the committee to draft a communication strategy with the City communication department and also with outreach for a potential Focus on Energy presentation in 2026. Two more electric vehicles will be part of the City's fleet - they are replacing two combustion engine vehicles that are past their useful life.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee is promoting a 'week without driving' week for September 18-25. Other details are in her written report.

3. 2026 Goal setting support [25-1340](#)

Mr. Zimmerman suggested that a subset of the committee work with Ms. Conway on the sustainability goals for the City. The discussion clarified that these goals are driven by Ms. Conway to give a framework to prioritize work. The group agreed that Mr. Zimmerman will convene interested committee members to review and react to Ms. Conway's draft goals before the next meeting. These City goals will inform the committee goals.

4. Outreach recap, plans for upcoming months [25-1341](#)
Tosa Green Summit
Other events?

Ms. Hastert will be setting a date for a family-friendly movie screening in January 2026 at the Wauwatosa Library.

Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Reibe will host the table at the Tosa Green Summit on Saturday, Sept 20. The inventory of lightbulbs is running low but this is not a concern for this event.

5. Wauwatosa School District updates [25-1342](#)
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Subcommittee (E2S2) update
Outreach to school "green teams"

E2S2 - Ms. Deaton shared that the subcommittee has not met since the last WSC meeting.

Green Teams - Ms. McClellan shared an overview of a graphic to be provided to schools to post on recycling containers. She also shared a detailed case study for composting at Wilson school that could be distributed to all schools to use as a roadmap. She will consider adding the PTA/PTOs to her distribution list. Committee members will send feedback on her document to her. Ms. Deaton will also bring the materials to the E2S2 group as well.

6. Joint Housing Coalition update [25-1343](#)

Mr. Horky shared that the group is excited to meet with Ms. Conway. The group is also discussing the recommendations for the zoning in the comprehensive plan, regarding affordable and mid-level housing among other things.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM