



Wauwatosa, WI

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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 10 Member, Chair Rob Zimmerman
Member Michael Arney
Member Heather Deaton
Member Seth Flanders
Member Zoe Hastert
Member John Horkey
Member Jill McClellan
Member Katherine Riebe
Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

Excused 1 Member Steven Ostrenga

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the November 5, 2025, regular meeting [26-0259](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Seth Flanders
SECONDER: Zoe Hastert
2. Approval of minutes of the December 3, 2025, regular meeting [26-0260](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Seth Flanders
SECONDER: Zoe Hastert
3. Approval of minutes of the January 7, 2026, regular meeting [26-0261](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Seth Flanders
SECONDER: Zoe Hastert

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [26-0250](#)

Ms. Riebe had shared a Tosa Together Black History Month event at the Wauwatosa Library on Feb 19 at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Conway asked that the City has posted for a Facilities Manager position to replace Mr Pomeranke when he retires.

Ms. McClellan shared that there is a Love In Action rally in Bayview this weekend.

Mr. Schmitt-Ernst shared the Nearby Nature event on Feb 16 for the African American Environmental Pioneer Awards.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Guest speaker: Karen Baker, MMSD's Green Summit Program [26-0252](#)

Ms. Baker shared an overview of MMSD's Green Summer Program that will be in Wauwatosa in June and July, centered on rain barrels, rain gardens and tree planting through workshops, educational opportunities and events. Committee members are encouraged to share the program with their networks.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. City Sustainability Manager update [26-0253](#)

Ms. Conway went through her monthly report and offered that interested committee members can work with her on a communication plan and themes for 2026 messaging.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Wauwatosa School District updates [26-0255](#)

Ms. McClellan has made four connections at schools and will reach out to three more this month.

Ms. Deaton gave an update on the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Subcommittee (E2S2) regarding the Wauwatosa School Board's approval to further investigate solar opportunities on schools, and future areas of focus for the E2S2 committee.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. Joint Housing Coalition update [26-0256](#)

Mr. Horky shared that the next meeting is next week, no other updates at this time.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Outreach recap, plans for upcoming months [26-0257](#)

- a. Calendar for 2026
- b. Kids movie, February
- c. Tosa Wildlife Habitat, March 7th

a) Calendar for 2026: this calendar/event list will be a working document for the committee for event planning.

b) Kids movie, February - Ms. Hastert will plan this event for Thursday, April 30 as a close-out to Earth Month.

c) Tosa Wildlife Habitat, March 7 - Mr. Schmitt-Ernst asked for volunteers for tabling at this event.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Annual report presentation schedule [26-0258](#)

Mr. Zimmerman shared that a narrative overview of the preliminary Annual Report results will be presented to City Council at the March 10 Government Affairs committee meeting. The committee will

prepare the written report as in previous years and will submit that when it is completed in April.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.