



Wauwatosa, WI

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

6:30 PM

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

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mike Arney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 Member, Chair Michael Arney
Member Heather Deaton
Member Seth Flanders
Member Zoe Hastert
Member John Horky
Member Rob Hoverman
Member Jill McClellan
Member Steven Ostrenga
Member Rob Zimmerman
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

Excused 2 Member Katherine Riebe
Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the September 4, 2024, regular meeting [24-1377](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Zoe Hastert
SECONDER: Seth Flanders
Aye: 9 Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Hastert, Horky, Hoverman, McClellan,
Ostrenga, Zimmerman, and Dolan
Excused: 2 Riebe, and Schmitt-Ernst

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [24-1378](#)
None shared.
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
2. Electrification presentation to Council [24-1379](#)

Seth Flanders, Zoe Hastert, Steve Ostrenga, and Mike Arney created an outline of the presentation, but will be meeting separately to add content. Main message is that electrification is key to achieving the City's 2050 sustainability goal. Mike Arney will contact Steve Braatz and Jim Archambo to identify possible dates and secure a spot on the Council's meeting agenda.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. WLGCC update [24-1380](#)

Heather Deaton plans to attend the WLGCC conference on October on behalf of the committee. Additional conferences and meetings in 2025 include Better Buildings/Better Plants (April 30-May 2, 2025; Washington DC); Midwest Climate Summit (April 30-May 2, 2025: St. Louis)

"Elevate" database is a good resource for policy and regulations and information for property owners <https://www.elevatenp.org>.

Final draft of Wisconsin's comprehensive climate plan is due to USEPA in December.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Outreach recap/expenses [24-1381](#)

Tosa Green Summit was successful. WSC members spoke with approximately 50 attendees. Zoe Hastert suggested organizing a family event at the library with age-appropriate movies or documentaries with environmental or sustainability themes. She asked for recommendations of films from other committee members and will work with library staff to identify dates.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. Housing coalition updates [24-1383](#)

Mike Arney shared the Coalition's input on the City's comprehensive plan. Deadline for comments is this week.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Schools update [24-1382](#)

Net Zero task force was approved by the school board. A call for volunteers was made online. Several WSC members have applied or will apply prior to the deadline in mid-October. Jill McClellan will reach out to former WSC member Mary Young to learn about options for composting in the schools.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Sustainability web page/social post via City [24-1384](#)

No update. Heather Deaton agreed to spearhead a content plan based on discussions with Zoe Hastert, and Rob Zimmerman in September. Team will review with the committee at the November meeting.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.