



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Sustainability Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:30 PM

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

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 8**      Member, Chair Michael Arney  
Member Heather Deaton  
Member Seth Flanders  
Member John Horky  
Member Rob Hoverman  
Member Steven Ostrenga  
Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst  
Member Rob Zimmerman

**Excused 4**      Member Zoe Hastert  
Member Jill McClellan  
Member Katherine Riebe  
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the November 13, 2024 regular meeting [24-1695](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Seth Flanders  
**SECONDER:** Steven Ostrenga  
**Aye:** 8      Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Horky, Hoverman, Ostrenga, Schmitt-Ernst,  
and Zimmerman  
**Excused:** 3      Hastert, McClellan, Riebe, and Dolan

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [24-1685](#)
  - John Horky shared information on MREA's member meeting on 12/11 at 5:30. Meeting is online.
  - Seth Flanders to contact WE Energies to get energy data for Wauwatosa for 2024
  - Ian Schmitt-Ernst invited us to WCV's happy hour at Big Head Brewing on 12/17 at 6:30
  - Mike Arney shared Housing Coalition's Fair Housing education session at City Hall on 12/6 at 2:30
  - Compost Crusaders looking for part time person to work with Milwaukee Public Schools

- Fall virtual conference for Citizen's Climate Lobby is on 12/7 at noon-4 pm
- 350MKE meeting 12/10 at First Unitarian Society in Milwaukee and features a speaker from Our Future Milwaukee

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Focus on Energy presentation (contingent on speaker availability) [24-1686](#)

- Brady Steigauf agreed to be a guest speaker at the WSC meeting on 1/8
- General information, but also for us to advocate for issues
- Trial run for speaking at a larger event/bigger audience
- Content for our website

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Sustainability manager updates [24-1687](#)

- Position approved and posted
- Dave Simpson is open to having someone from WSC being on interview team (assuming no conflicts of interest)
- City transportation/fleet will be one area of focus

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. In-person meeting dates 2025 [24-1688](#)

- First Wednesdays unless holidays or other civic events/meetings create conflicts
- Heather Deaton moved to cancel July's meeting as has been done in previous years; Seth Flanders seconded. Approved unanimously.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Heather Deaton

**SECONDER:** Seth Flanders

**Aye:** 8 Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Horky, Hoverman, Ostrenga, Schmitt-Ernst, and Zimmerman

**Excused:** 3 Hastert, McClellan, Riebe, and Dolan

5. Funds requests, including for Jan. 12th library event [24-1689](#)

*Motion by Rob Zimmerman to authorize spending of remaining 2024 budget as follows:*

- Funds not to exceed \$300 to support the kids' movie at the Wauwatosa Library on 1/12
- \$100 to purchase LED bulbs as giveaways at events in which WSC is exhibiting
- \$1,000 to the Wauwatosa Library to acquire sustainability-related materials (pending approval by City staff)

*Seconded by John Horky. Approved unanimously.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Other aspects of Jan 12th library event [24-1690](#)

- Zoe Hastert would like as many of us to attend as possible
- Final details to be reviewed during our January meeting

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Letter regarding draft Comprehensive Plan [24-1691](#)

*All agreed it's a good idea to submit comments on behalf of WSC. Need team to work on developing this; revisit this in January.*

- RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
- 8.** Outreach content, website revamp subcommittee [24-1692](#)  
*Comments and feedback sent to Eva Ennamorato for input.*

- RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
- 9.** Updates on electrification presentation, housing coalition, schools, GTLC, WLGCC [24-1693](#)
- Mike presented to Community Affairs on electrification on 12/3
  - Wauwatosa Schools' "net zero" committee will have its initial meeting in January. Heather Deaton will represent WSC
  - Other updates will be shared via email. Intent is to make recurring updates part of a consent agenda in future meetings

- RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
- 10.** 2025 leadership elections [24-1694](#)
- Chair (1-year term starting 1/1/25): Rob Zimmerman was nominated by Steve Ostrenga, seconded by Seth Flanders. Approved unanimously.*
- Vice Chair (1-year term starting 1/1/25): Zoe Hastert was nominated by Steve Ostrenga, seconded by Heather Deaton. Approved unanimously.*
- Secretary (1 year term starting 1/1/25): Heather Deaton was nominated by Ian Schmitt-Ernst, seconded by Steve Ostrenga. Approved unanimously.*

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Steven Ostrenga

**SECONDER:** Seth Flanders

**Aye:** 8 Arney, Deaton, Flanders, Horky, Hoverman, Ostrenga, Schmitt-Ernst, and Zimmerman

**Excused:** 3 Hastert, McClellan, Riebe, and Dolan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.*