



Wauwatosa, WI

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, May 6, 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 6:31pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 Member, Chair Rob Zimmerman
Member Michael Arney
Member Heather Deaton
Member Seth Flanders
Member Zoe Hastert
Member John Horkey
Member Steven Ostrenga
Member Katherine Riebe
Member Ian Schmitt-Ernst

Excused 2 Member Jill McClellan
Aldersperson Liaison Melissa Dolan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the March 3, 2026, regular meeting [26-0685](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Zoe Hastert
SECONDER: Seth Flanders
2. Approval of minutes of the April 1, 2026, regular meeting [26-0797](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Zoe Hastert
SECONDER: Seth Flanders

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements and upcoming activities/events [26-0818](#)
Group discussed upcoming area events related to sustainability.
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
2. Guest speaker: Dean Muller, President, Wisconsin for Environmental Justice [26-0819](#)

Mr. Muller discussed the Wisconsin for Environmental Justice's ask for Wauwatosa to consider a class action lawsuit to get reimbursed for climate impacts. The committee will review the report he shared and determine if they will make a recommendation to the Common Council to make a resolution on the suit.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. City Sustainability Manager update [26-0820](#)

Ms. Conway reviewed her May report memo (part of Agenda Packet) with the committee. She asked for input on who should attend the committee meetings in her absence during her upcoming maternity leave (July through October). Ideas shared were representatives and leaders from the forestry department, fleet management, health department, parks and facilities.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Approval of 2025 Annual Report [26-0821](#)

Mr. Zimmerman asked for final feedback on the report.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ian Schmitt-Ernst

SECONDER: Heather Deaton

5. Wauwatosa School District updates [26-0822](#)

- a. E2S2 update
 - i. Solar
 - ii. Use of pesticides/herbicides
- b. School board engagement

a.E2S2 - Ms. Deaton shared that the committee met this week.

•Solar feasibility - Ms. Deaton shared that the school district has engaged Upper 90 to have them run the feasibility, proposal process (and construction management if district proceeds). The goal is for Dr Means to report to the school board by August.

•Use of pesticides/herbicides: Ms. Deaton shared that Mr. LaFountain has addressed this with the resident directly.

b.School board engagement: the committee will be sure to attend meetings and engage with members for assistance and understanding.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Joint Housing Coalition update [26-0823](#)

Mr. Horky shared discussion topics from the April meeting, and asked the committee members to be alert to information related to best practices advancing affordable housing, which committee members may learn are taking place in other communities with which they interact (e.g., GTLC, WLGCC, etc.)

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Outreach [26-0824](#)

- a. Kids' movie recap
- b. Tosa Farmers Market, August 22
- c. Neighborhood Association Council engagement
- d. City website, social media

- a. Kids' movie, April 30 - Ms. Hastert shared that the movie night was a success with 48 attendees and lots of positive feedback.*
- b. Tosa Farmers Market: WSC will table on August 22. Also for Tosa Night Out: WSC will table at the event on Aug 5.*
- c. NAC engagement: Ms. Riebe will be leading the NAC Sustainability Committee (will be renamed).*
- d. City website/social media: no updates needed.*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.