



MISSION:

“To assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.”

DATE: January 19, 2022

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Webex Virtual Public Meeting

CHAIR: Doug Faulkner

RECORDER: Ned Noel, Senior Planner

Members Present: Doug Faulkner, Brian Graff, David Hon, Amy Kalmon, Monica Obrycki, Gary Pesicka, Sarah Rykal, Jim Schumacher

Others in attendance: Kathy Campbell, Billie Hufford, Maddie Loeffler

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Vice Chair Hon called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call

Vice Chair Hon called roll and the required member count was present for a quorum. Chair Faulkner arrived.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of December 15th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pesicka moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Obrycki and the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Appoint Officers

Mr. Pesicka moved to approve Mr. Faulkner as chair for another annual term. Seconded by Ms. Obrycki and the motion carried. Ms. Kalmon moved to approve Mr. Pesicka as vice chair for an annual term. Seconded by Mr. Schumacher and the motion carried. Ms. Obrycki moved to approve Mr. Schumacher as secretary for another annual term. Seconded by Mr. Pesicka and the motion carried.

It was shared to begin recruitment as two current members will not be renewing their terms in April.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Open Public Comment Period

Chair Faulkner opened the comment period for items not on the agenda. No one from the public spoke.

Public Discussions

AGENDA ITEM #6A: Naming Sustainability Award Program

With the blessing of his family, the committee was supportive to create a new leadership award under the Steve Terwilliger name. Mr. Terwilliger was a former member of the committee and a local sustainability champion. The winner can be chosen from the annual pool of applicants. Staff will revise the program information and look into the special award design for 2023's program.

Ms. Rykal moved to keep the name Eau Claire Sustainable Awards Program, but added the new special leadership award named after Steve Terwilliger. Seconded by Mr. Pesicka and the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6B Discuss 2022 Work Plan Projects & Direction

Mr. Noel stated the City Council approved the committee's work plan on January 11th and expressed appreciation for the members' work. A progress report was also provided from 2021. Several project updates were reviewed.

City Council approved staff submitting a grant to the Office of Energy Innovation to work on integrating the Renewable Energy Action Plan goals into City policy. Examples from other communities were reviewed. The focus will be on voluntary compliance for the community level, that is, if applicants are seeking incentives or zoning flexibility. Consultants would be hired to assist and help undertake a stakeholder process to arrive at public policy for both the municipality and community.

Mr. Noel stated Elevate is wrapping up stakeholder outreach for the possible Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) energy program. American Rescue Plan Act funding is being looked at as a possible funding mechanism by City Council.

Heat pump technology was discussed. Ms. Obrycki stated under their beneficial electrification strategies, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative has an incentive on top of Focus on Energy's heat pump incentive.

The City's intern has begun research on bird-friendly design, tree preservation and alternative lawn policies.

Other Business Agenda Items

AGENDA ITEM #7A Discuss Climate Disasters

Climate related 2021 weather disaster news was reviewed. The committee discussed the need to educate what the City is doing and how people can do their own part to mitigation carbon emissions. Mr. Hon suggested using social media messages that include what is the problem, what the City is doing and how people can act. The committee was supportive of the idea and continuing various topics each month.

AGENDA ITEM #7B: Community Updates

Ms. Rykal shared about her sustainability work with the Outdoor Industry Association. The organization assists member outdoor companies like North Face, YETI, L.L. Bean and many more to reduce their carbon emission and green their supply chains. They provide climate action support, research and advocacy. Two examples highlighted were electrifying the textile industry and recycling materials to reduce new material consumption.

Ms. Rykal also noted that UW-Stout received approval for solar on 14 campus buildings and they are looking to hire a new sustainability coordinator.

Discussion and Direction Items

AGENDA ITEM #8A: Future Agenda Items

None.

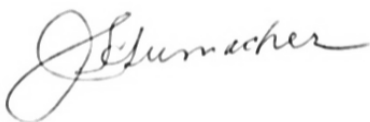
AGENDA ITEM #8B: Announcements

None.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Adjournment

Mr. Pesicka moved to adjourn at 4:51 p.m. Mr. Schumacher seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Jim Schumacher, Secretary

FUTURE MEETING DATES:	TIME:	LOCATION:
February 16, 2022	3:30 p.m.	Virtual Meeting