



Meeting Minutes
 June 15, 2022

MISSION:

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

DATE: June 15, 2022

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall, North Conf. Room

CHAIR: Doug Faulkner

RECORDER: Ned Noel, Senior Planner

Members Present: Cameron Bump, Doug Faulkner, Brian Graff, Amy Kalmon, Monica Obrycki, Gary Pesicka, Jim Schumacher

Others in attendance: Kathy Campbell, Billie Hufford, Pat Marenstien, Josh Reed, Patrick Tillery, John Viner, Sue Waits, Regan Watts, and others

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Vice Chair Pesicka called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call

Vice Chair Pesicka called roll and the required member count was present for a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

AGENDA ITEM #4: Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda

Sue Waits (JONAH) discussed a UWEC student project on composting that will be presented next month. Green Teams will be forming in congregations and a larger Interfaith Green Team.

Pat Marenstien was interested in how SAC works and their role. Mr. Noel explained how the committee works within the yearly workplan and ability for council to refer issues to the committee. If items are not on the workplan, SAC doesn't have authority to review. Mr. Faulkner explained the ordinance defining advisory committees.

Kathy Campbell said she attended the water plant tour and more water is used by lawn watering than would have been used with the proposed water bottling facility. The Niagara plant brought to light many water concerns.

Joshua Reed at 1818 7th St. discussed enacting grey water systems. He would like to see the idea for people to set up grey water systems considered in Eau Claire.

Public Discussions

Item #5A Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Energy Efficiency Navigator Program

Mr. Viner (with Elevate) and Mr. Noel reviewed the NOAH program draft. They discussed concerns over verifying income. \$750,000 in capital funds was requested with possible Rescue funding (ARPA) another option. Potentially \$250,000 from County ARPA funds could be added to also address mobile homes. Mr. Viner explained concerns in Madison in finding eligible applicants. Barriers include not having a strong community organization to help and no database to help identify properties. Ms. Watts commented that she has reached out to equity groups and they are interested in participating. Discussion on partnerships with Xcel. Mr. Noel discussed differences in renter requirements in the program and limit of 2 buildings per landlord. The committee discussed exploring how to hold accountable for agreement to maintain affordable rents for 3 years. Mr. Viner discussed qualification process. Mr.

Viner explained how the budget was determined based on past projects. Ms. Watts reminded that financing has to be approved and may need to apply for State grant to continue program.

The public in attendance asked questions.

Members reviewed a revised draft of the program design. They were supportive of a focus on lower density housing but not eliminating multifamily buildings- especially small/medium sized 'missing middle' structures.

Item #5B Biodiversity Presentation

Mr. Tillery presented research on birds, trees, and alternative Lawns. He provided recommendations to update the existing ordinance on natural lawns. Mr. Noel explained pending zoning ordinance changes could address these areas more comprehensively.

There were questions from the committee about a future "No Mow May", quantitative data on benefits, and national thought leader's position/movement on alternative lawns. Discussed the demonstration site on westside.

Ms. Watts discussed importance of including verbiage in ordinance about replacement with utility, city, etc. work.

Other Business Agenda Items

Item #6A Work Plan

The committee discussed creating policy changes desired in regards to concerns with the water bottling plant. An option could include items in the workplan that would direct items to come to SAC, depending on the situation. There was discussion that SAC is advisory, not regulatory.

There were questions about the Comprehensive Plan update dates, which was completed in early 2022.

Item #6B Community Updates

The committee was supportive of a future Drive Electric week event. Mr. Noel said the EV fast charger is close to opening.

Discussion and Direction

AGENDA ITEM #7A: Future Agenda Items

None

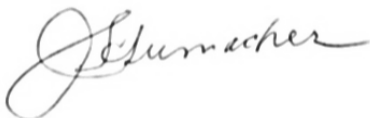
AGENDA ITEM #7B: Announcements

None.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Adjournment

Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn at 5:24 p.m. Mr. Pesicka seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Jim Schumacher, Secretary

FUTURE MEETING DATES:	TIME:	LOCATION:
July 20, 2022	3:30 p.m.	City Hall, N. Conf. Room