

# Meeting Minutes January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### MISSION:

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

DATE: January 17th, 2024 TIME: 3:30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall, North Conf. Rm.

CHAIR: Brian Graff RECORDER: Katrina Berg, Asst. Planner

Members Present: Steve Betchkal, Cameron Bump, Brian Graff, Gail Halmstad, Amy Kalmon, Jim Schumacher

**Absent:** Janis Tyler, Monica Obrycki, Gary Pesicka **Staff in attendance:** Katrina Berg & Ned Noel

Public in attendance: Sue Waits

#### AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Chair Brian Graff called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call**

Chair Graff took the roll and a quorum was met.

## **AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of November Meeting**

Committee member Schumacher made a motion to approve of the minutes. Seconded by Committee member Kalmon. Unanimously approved.

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

Sue Waits shared from JONAH is working with Eau Claire County to provide composting to area school districts.

Waits also shared that JONAH is working on a plastic free Eau Claire to make a pledge to use reusable items.

## **Public Discussions**

# **Item #5A Election of Officers**

Staff shared that officers typically are members who have had a longer service on the committee. Cameron Bump moved to make himself vice chair. Chair Brian Graff made an amendment to add Jim Schumacher as chair, and Gail Halmstad for secretary to the first motion. Steve seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### Item #5B Discussion of Earth Day Event

Staff led a discussion on volunteering for the Earth Day Event held at the Brewing Projekt. Sue Waits suggested the City highlights new building efficiencies and the Century Code at their booth. Steve Betchkal volunteered to help JONAH with the event. Gail Halmstad also offered to help.

#### Item #5C Discussion on SAC Awards and Timeline

Staff presented their plan for the Sustainable Eau Claire Awards nomination process and timeline. The committee members agreed with staff's recommendation to have 3 winners this year (person, organization, and business). The nominations will be open from February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Item #5D Evaluation of other projects

Committee members shared their ideas for projects they are interested in that didn't make it on the work plan for this year. Staff generated a list and will use the list to inform other projects as well as add ideas to future work plans.

## **Other Business Agenda Items**

### **Item #6A Community Updates**

Staff member Katrina Berg shared that council will be voting to pass a resolution next week to authorize staff to apply for EECBG grant for the Energy Efficiency Navigator Program.

# **Discussion and Direction**

AGENDA ITEM #7A: Future Agenda Items

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7B: Announcements**

Amy Kalmon shared about an interfaith Green Team she participates with.

# AGENDA ITEM #8: Adjournment

Committee member Schumacher motioned to adjourn, committee member Halmstad seconded. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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# Gail Halmstad, Secretary

FUTURE MEETING DATES:	TIME:	LOCATION:
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:30 p.m.	City Hall, N. Conf. Room