



MISSION:

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

DATE: June 19, 2024 **TIME:** 3:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** City Hall, North Conf. Rm.

CHAIR: Jim Schumacher **RECORDER:** Katrina Running, Asst. Planner

Members Present: Jim Schumacher, Steve Betchkal, Lily Strehlow, Rob Weber, Sekaidah Rogers, Andrew Werthman, Janis Tyler

Absent: Gary Pesicka, Gail Halmstad

Staff in attendance: Katrina Running & Ned Noel

Public in attendance: Representatives from Drylock Technologies and Pablo Foundation

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

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

AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call

Chair Schumacher took the roll, and a quorum was met.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of May meeting minutes

Committee member Strehlow made a motion to approve of the minutes. Seconded by Committee member Betchkal. Unanimously approved.

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

Item #5A Recognition of Sustainable Eau Claire Award Winners

Chair Schumacher shared a powerpoint recognizing the 2023 Sustainable Eau Claire Award Winners. Representatives from Drylock Technologies and Pablo Foundation accepted their awards.

Item #5B Bird Safe Glass Ordinance Discussion

Staff shared the bird safe glass ordinance draft with SAC members for additional comments to add to ZPAC. Committee member Betchkal proposed recommended changes listed below.

Betchkal moved to recommend changing the ordinance to “The treatment applies to at least ninety percent of glass”. Rogers seconded. Passed unanimously.

Betchkal moved to recommend changing the ordinance so “Facades of less than 50% glass be included for treatment” with the understanding that different standards would be added. Tyler seconded. Unanimously approved.

Betchkal moved to recommend changing the ordinance, “That no more than 10 square feet of non-bird friendly glass can be used in any 100 square ft. area to prevent stacking of all of the non-bird friendly glass into the single spot.” Rogers seconded. Unanimously approved.

Betchkal moved to recommend changing the ordinance, “The list of high-risk features be expanded

to more closely match the recommendations of the ABC.” After discussion, there was no second.

Item #5C Letter of Support for Energy Efficiency Navigator Program 2025 Funding

Staff shared that the funding for the Energy Efficiency Navigator Program has been grouped with other funding in a flexible housing fund and explained the potential outcomes of that grouping.

The general consensus was to keep the Navigator Program as a separate line item. They acknowledged that the other programs deserve funding as well but supported having \$375,000 solely allocated for the Navigator Program in 2025 as the current capital improvement plan outlays.

Vice Chair Cameron Bump made a motion for Chair Schumacher to work with staff to write a letter of support on behalf of SAC to accompany the funding request. Seconded by Lily Strehlow. Andrew Werthmann abstained. Unanimously approved otherwise.

Item #5D Letter of Support for Sustainability Position

Staff asked for a letter of support to supplement the funding request for a sustainability position. The Renewable Energy Action Plan and Sustainability Advisory Committee’s work plan both support the position. Committee member Strehlow, who is UW-EC’s sustainability coordinator, shared that the Renewable Energy Action Plan goals will not be achieved without a dedicated sustainability position.

Vice Chair Bump made a motion for Chair Schumacher to work with staff to write a letter of support on behalf of SAC to accompany the funding request. Betchkal seconded. Carried unanimously besides an abstention by Werthmann.

Public Discussions

Item #6A Plant Species List Update

Staff shared that the Chippewa Valley Biodiversity Partnership is now providing advice on a recommended plant species list. They will help update the current list to accompany the new zoning code.

Discussion and Direction

AGENDA ITEM #7A: Future Agenda Items

Committee member Betchkal requested to review the work plan.

Committee member Andrew Werthmann wanted to discuss tree preservation and protecting trees on private property.

AGENDA ITEM #7B: Announcements

Committee member Janis Tyler requested staff to send out minutes sooner and to distribute a video.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Adjournment

Committee member Betchkal motioned to adjourn; Committee member Strehlow seconded. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Gail Halmstad, Secretary

FUTURE MEETING DATES:	TIME:	LOCATION:
July 17th	3:30 p.m.	City Hall, N. Conf. Room