



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA - AMENDED

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department
Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal
Corporation, or Sub-unit thereof.

Meeting: **SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE**
Members: Mary Kluz (C), Carol Lukens, Jean Abreu, Jay Coldwell, Christine
Daniels, Jesse Kearns
Location: Maple Room of Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street.
Date/Time: **Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2024 Meeting
4. Discussion: members who attended the Climate Fast Forward Nov 14-15
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Turning the Work Plan to action
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Seasonal initiatives promotions
7. Updates: Dept Heads meetings, status of Climate Action Plan
8. Next meeting date: January 2 or TBD
9. Adjourn

It is likely that members of, and a quorum of the Council and/or members of other committees of the Common Council of the City of Wausau will be in attendance at the abovementioned meeting to gather information. **No action will be taken by any such groups.**

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Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the City Planning Office @ (715) 261-6760.

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Any person wishing to offer public comment may email City Clerk Kaitlyn Bernarde at clerk@ci.wausau.wi.us with "SEEC comment" in the subject line prior to the meeting start. All public comment, either by email or in person, will be limited to items on the agenda at this time. The messages related to agenda items received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Chair.

Other Distribution: Media, Alderpersons, Mayor, City Departments

MINUTES

October 10, 2024

Members Present: Jay Coldwell, Mary Kluz, Carol Lukens, Christine Daniels, Jean Abreu

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Dustin Kraege

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting started at 5:03 pm

2. Public Comment

n/a

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 8 Meeting

Coldwell/Kluz motion/second to approve. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Updates: Solar Array, Dept Public Works Director and staff meeting, WLGCC

Solar Array: Lynch noted that it was in a departmental budget for design in 2025 with expected build in 2026. The project will still need support in the budget process.

DPW meeting: Daniels, Kluz, and Lynch meet with Eric Lindman, Allen Wesolowski, Solomon King, and Dustin Kraege. Very good discussion. Limiting salt use was important. Adoption of EV vehicles would require additional training, equipment, and facilities for service. Power for charging to the facilities was also an issue. Also looking at propane for certain vehicles and hybrid for police vehicles. Staff has interest in developing policies on building standards for municipal buildings and also development agreements so private parties provide charging stations.

WLCGG: Newsletter included in the packet. Lynch will likely be attending the Oct 15 in person meeting.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Sustainability Manager Position

Lynch discussed this position with James Henderson, Director of HR. He suggested the November HR committee meeting and advised that it was not likely to be approved for 2025 since it was not currently in a department's budget. The Nov meeting would be an opportunity to present the idea, solicit feedback, and keep working on the position.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Work Plan Development

Kluz has engaged the services of Kris Tiles to facilitate the session. Staff will poll the group to find another date in November for the working session. Many members have been involved in strategic planning or work planning at various times. Kluz noted the better the group knows the final goal the more productive

the session will be. Lynch explained that the packet had the various documents, plans, and legislation that feed into the committee's purpose. Committee many have homework from the facilitator to consider before the working session.

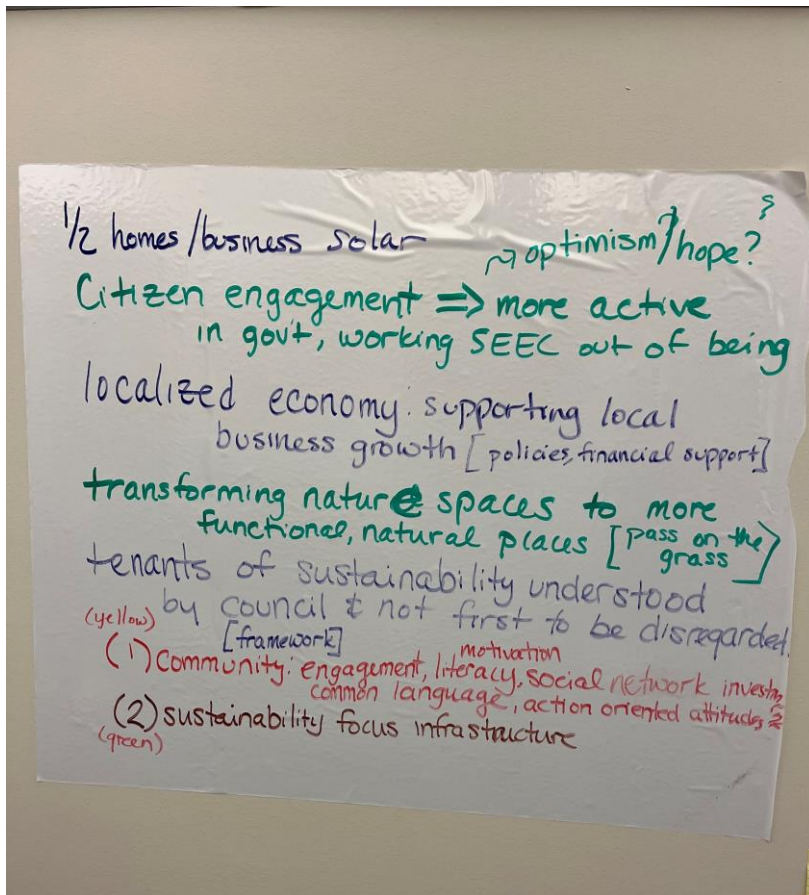
9. Next meeting date: Nov 7 and TBD

10. Adjourn

Motion/Second by Daniels/Coldwell. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 6:14 pm

SEEC Work Plan Session

November 13, 2024

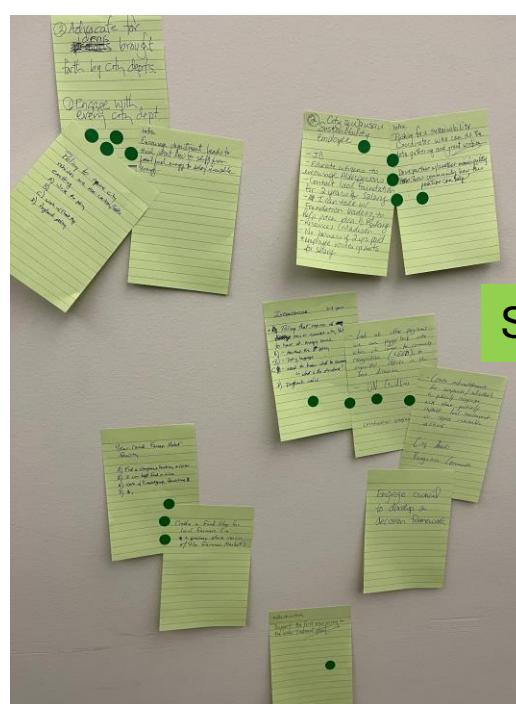
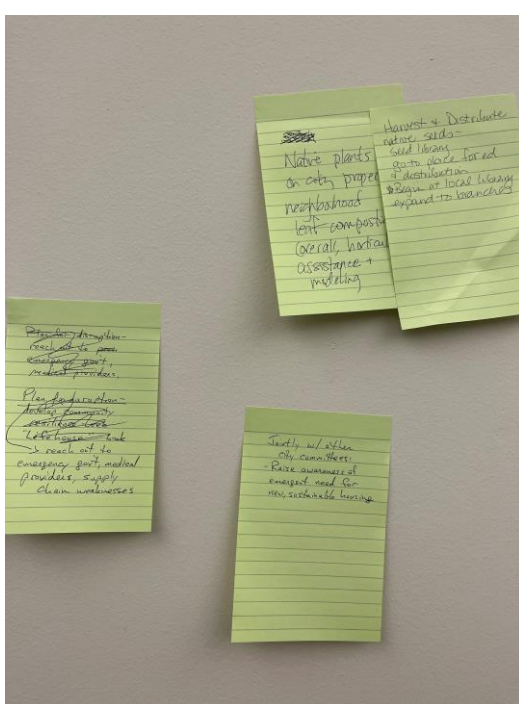


10 year vision statements:

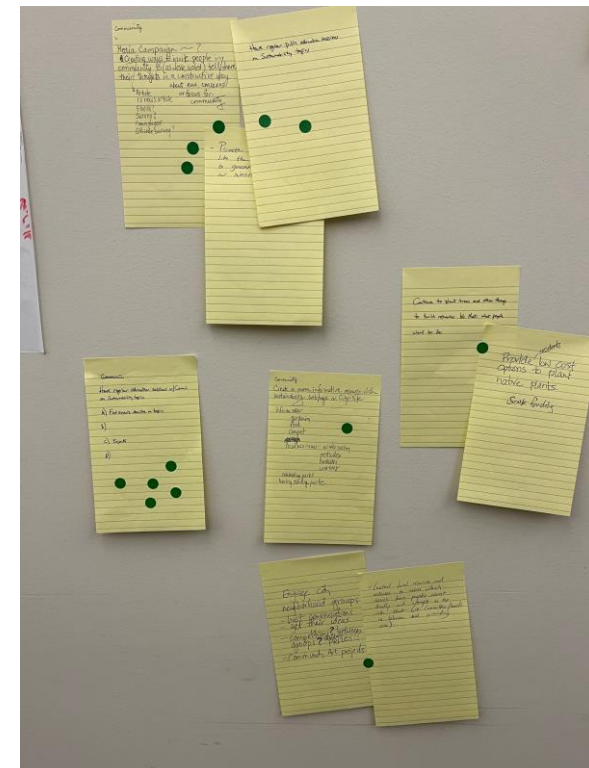
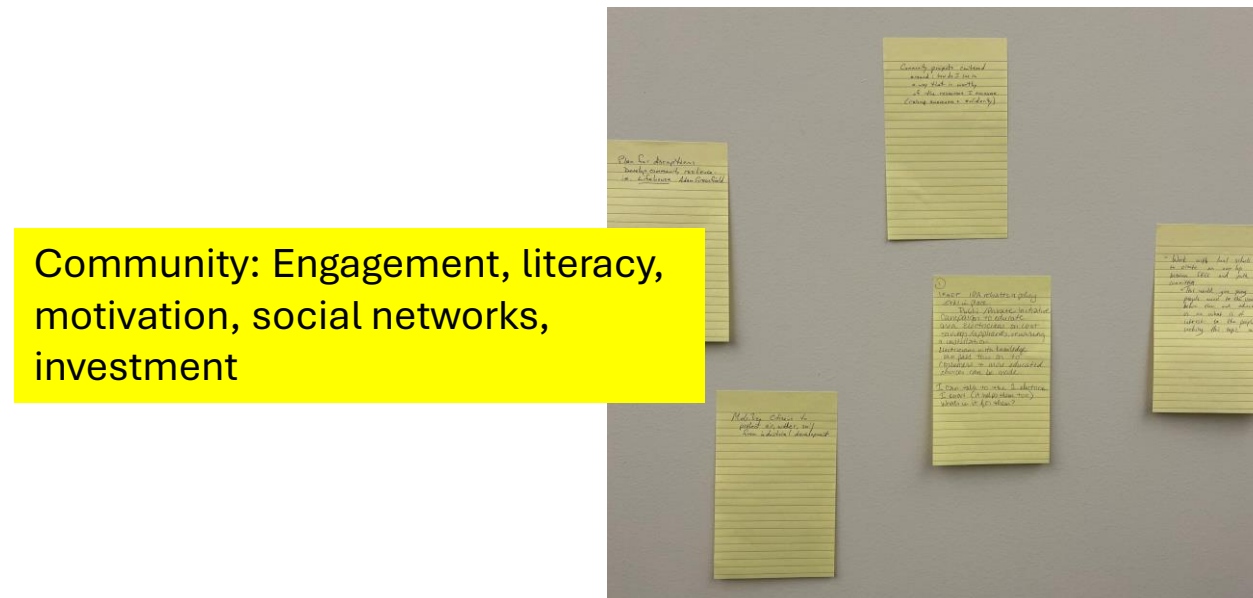
- Half of all homes and businesses have solar power.
- Citizen engagement = more active in govt, working SEEC out of being
- Localized economy supporting local business growth (policies, financial support)
- Transforming nature spaces to more functional, natural places (less grass)
- Tenants of sustainability understood by Council and not first to be disregarded.

Community: Engagement, literacy, motivation, social networks, investment

Sustainability focused infrastructure



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Votes	Project	Manager
5	Sustainability Manager	Andy
5	Media campaign, promotion of SEEC, public edu	Christine, Jean
5	Regular education w/Council	Jesse
4	Working w/Depts – advocate for them and support initiatives	Mary, Andy
4	Policy & framework to guide decisions and push sustainable needs	
3	Farmers Market and Food Stop	Jay

From: [Carol Lukens](#)
To: [Mary Kluz](#); [Andrew Lynch](#)
Subject: Don't be salty!
Date: Monday, November 25, 2024 10:44:12 PM

Hi, Mary and Andrew,

I messaged Megan Waller after receiving a note requesting any articles for the winter city newsletter. She would like all articles ASAP as they're hoping to publish the newsletter next week.

Can you take a look at the little write up below? Please feel free to make any and all changes before sending it on to her, but if you have time to do so on Wednesday, that would be really helpful!

Winter is nearing - don't be salty!

While we rely on salt to keep winter surfaces safe, chlorides from salt are polluting our lakes, streams, and groundwater. According to Wisconsin Salt Wise, just one teaspoon of salt is all it takes to make five gallons of water toxic to freshwater ecosystems.

Chlorides remain in the environment forever and along with corroding our infrastructure, they threaten aquatic ecosystems, wildlife, our pets, and human health.

Reducing salt use is *critical* to decreasing chloride loads so please follow these steps to right-size your salt use:

- **Shovel:** Clear walkways and other areas as soon after it snows as possible and before the snow turns to ice. The more snow removed manually, the less salt you will need and the more effective it will be.
- **Scatter:** When using salt, scatter it so there is space between the grains. *A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.* If you see oversalting, follow these simple steps to help educate others about salt.
- **Switch:** Salt won't work when pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees. Switch to sand for traction or a [different ice melter](#) that works at lower temperatures.

City crews are taking care to limit the road salt they apply by using brine and pre-wetting road surfaces to significantly reduce salt use. Please join in the effort by following the tips above and helping to educate others!

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