

# CITY OF WAUSAU SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Time and Dates: The Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee met on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of Wausau City Hall and virtually via WebEx

Members Present: Mary Kluz, Paul Zouski, John Kroll (C), Tom Kilian, Leah Van De Loo

Members Absent: Paul Kage, Leah Van De Loo

Others Present: Kathi Groeschel, M. Kubowski, Brad Sippel, Brad Lenz

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

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair John Kroll called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)**

Motion by Kluz/Killian to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Update on Green Tier Legacy Community program**

Brad Sippel provided the Green Tier Spreadsheet for member to see and discuss. He went over key points and Kilian spoke to the Zoning & Redevelopment strategy. Other discussion followed. Sippel noted he would try to fill in the remainder of the scores and provide notes.

## **Discussion on sustainability strategy and strategic planning**

Committee members asked how we can implement our ideas into the Mayor's new Strategic Plan for the city. Sippel thought a good starting point would be to develop a SWOT analysis. The committee discussed how the current comprehensive plan compares to a strategic plan. Comprehensive plans have a longer timeframe – potentially 10 years with a broader scope of work where a strategic plan is about 5 years and components of a comprehensive plan are used in a strategic plan. Sippel drafted notes during the meeting of the committee's thoughts on the SWOT analysis.

Discussion circled around the position of a Sustainability Coordinator and the city doesn't have one at this time. This could be a recommendation from this committee and be included in the Strategic Plan.

## **Update on previous items**

None at this time

## **Future items for consideration and future meeting date**

The Chairman from the Liberation and Freedom Committee, Mr. Blake Opal-Wahoski approached Chairman John Kroll (of this committee) and asked if we could have a joint meeting in February to discuss their Environmental Justice Draft Resolution. Kilian said the goal would be to get the support from the Sustainability Committee to garner strength behind the resolution. A copy of the EJ draft resolution will be sent to this committee for their review. A date of Wed, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. was proposed for this next joint meeting.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Killian/Kluz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.