



MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 604 - THE HARRY MAIER ROOM**

A. ROLL CALL.

I. Chair--Seth Hoffmeister; Vice Chair--Ned Dorff; Ald. Randy Scannell; Essie Fels--Transit; Chase Hyland; Deb Hutchison; Julia Noordyk; Stephanie Ortiz; Mark Walter

Stephanie Ortiz excused

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

I. Approval of the Agenda for January 9, 2019.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Transit Staff Essie Fels to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from December 12, 2019.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Chase Hyland to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

D. INFORMATIONAL.

I. Chair's Report

2. Presentation from Parks Department on current sustainability practices and goals so the Commission can gain a better understanding.

Moved by Ned Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to receive and place on file. Motion carried.
Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

Justin Balsey, 324 N. Ashland Avenue, GB
Alex Bjorklund, 1695 Fiesta Lane, GB

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Discussion with possible action on creation of the Sustainability Commission's mission.

The Sustainability Commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, and improvement of the environment in the interest of the health, prosperity, and welfare of the Green Bay community for present and future generations moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Mark Walter to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Discussion with possible action on the Sustainability Commission's goals.

Julia is the point person for storm water management and green infrastructure (set goals and bring updates); Mark Walter is the point person on zero waste and waste reduction; Essie and Chase are the point people on public transportation; Deb will be the point person for community outreach and will work with Mark Walter adding a sustainability chapter to the comprehensive plan. To add ecological restoration as a goal and to have Chase and Ned be the point people. And to remove strategic planning from the list of goals. (This is a working document and will be amended accordingly.)

3. Discussion with possible action on the creation of the Sustainability Commission's strategy.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Transit Staff Essie Fels to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Discussion with possible action on attending a Community Listening Session hosted by community organizations.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Julia Noordyk to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

5. Discussion with possible action on creating a community outreach plan.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Transit Staff Essie Fels to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None
Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Transit Staff Essie Fels to approve as amended to have the item read "discussion with possible action on creation of a stakeholder engagement plan. Motion carried.

Yes- Randy Scannell, Chase Hyland, Ned Dorff, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Mark Walter, No- None, Abstain- None

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Transit Staff Essie Fels, seconded by Mark Walter to adjourn. Motion carried. Yes - Randy Scannell, Essie Fels, Seth Hoffmeister, Ned Dorff, Debora Hutchison, Julia Noordyk, Chase Hyland, Mark Walter, No - None, Abstain - None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Not doing anything important. It's certainly not as important as you deserve.

- I am ready.

- By the way, we're neighbors so I may talk to you.

- Alright, we will call this meeting to order here. Alright, it is 5:02 PM. We will get started with our role call. Chair, Seth, present. Vice Chair, Ned Dorff.

- Present.

- Alderman, Randy Scannell.

- Here!

- Essie Fels from Transit.

- Here.

- Chase Hyland.

- Present.
- Deb Hutchison.
- Here.
- Julia Noordyk.
- Here.
- Stephanie Ortiz is excused. And Mark Walter.
- Here.
- Okay, just give me one second. Can I use your pen?
- Alright onto approval of the agenda for today's date January 9th of 2019. Is there a motion to approve the--
- So move.
- Moved by Alderman Scannell.
- Second.
- There's a second by Essie Fells. All those in favor of approving the agenda signify by saying I.
- [Congregation] I.
- Anybody opposed? Motion passes.
- Okay hold on one second.
- Finally remembering to wait
- Yes I know, especially since I'm really slow.
- That was my only New Year's resolution.
- To wait? I like that!
- Yep. Check. Bring on 2019.
- Go ahead.
- Alright Item C, approval of the minutes.
- So moved.
- There's a motion from Alderman Scannell to approve the minutes. Is there a second?
- Second.
- Second from Chase. All those in favor of approving the minutes from December 12th say I.

- [Congregation] I.

- Anybody opposed? Motion passes unanimously. Alright on to Item D, informational. So I just wanted to give a few updates in the Chair's report here about some of the good things that were happening in the last few months. We had a really, Celestine had connected me with folks from the EPA and with the Economically Planning Department here and we had a really great conference call just the week before Christmas about some of their goals for working with Brown county so the EPA's pick one community in every state to provide strategic resources and technical support on things from energy and air quality to storm water management and basically anything that falls under the purview of the EPA. It was a really great conversation and they said that they'd really like to come talk to us in either February or March. They sent us a lot of really great resources and I've started to look through them but they had a lot of sample ordinances, programs that other communities have done. So they're really excited to work with us. It was on my to do list to reach out to them early in January to kind of figure out a plan and to get a little bit more details. But the irony is that right after our conversation the government shut down. So we're gonna back-burner that one for a little while but once everything's back up and running we're gonna have the EPA providing some really good resources that can really help inform our work. So that was a really exciting conversation I'm looking forward to. Another update. We had been connected with somebody who's worked in planning. A UW-Greenbay graduate Mike Gerkschmidt. He actually worked in Peru on some, doing city planning. So based on our goal we identified at our first meeting to look at the cities comprehensive plan and to make sure as we draft a new one in this new year that sustainability is a component of that. He looked at the previous smart growth plan from 2002 or 2004 and kind of started to, from a planners perspective, look at a lot of the good things that were happening there and some of the other areas that he could ID going into the new year. So that was also really exciting. Just after the holidays he sent me, kind of, the sum of his work. I would love to have him come and present here at a future date but he accepted, or he moved back to Peru to work as a city planner again. But he's said that he could be available to continue to help us work on that.

- That's long range planning.

- Yeah long range planning.

- Yeah, I think so. I'll definitely ask him as we start having those conversations. He did say that he's going to continue to work, so we'll see if he can Zoom or Skype in. And then yeah, we've got some great things on the agenda coming up here. So why don't we, if anybody has any questions I could answer those now. But if not we can go onto Item 2 and that would be the presentation from the folks from Parks Department.

- Did you reach out to city planning as well? You said--

- Not yet.

- Okay I was just curious because you had asked me about strategic--

- Strategic planning and so forth. I mean there are lots and lots of resources out there so if you need more specifics certainly let me know.

- Yeah.

- We have that as an item on the agenda too, to figure out, so we can dive in there. Cool. Any other questions for me before we go on? Alright, folks from Parks Department.

- That's me.

- Alright thanks so much for coming to talk to us today.

- Sure.

- Yeah.

- Thanks for having me.

- My name is Cory Mim. I'm the senior landscape architect for the Parks Department. And I'm pretty much here to talk to you about sustainability and the practices that we use throughout the city. So the city of Green Bay owns 66 parks and 14 greenways, and that equals about 2370 acres of land. So our department, some of our primary roles are land development of the parks and greenways and facilitating recreational facilities, or recreational activities, I'm sorry. Other important roles that we have within our department that are different than other parks departments I would say, is providing wild life rehabilitation and exhibits for the public, as well as education. So our department is kind of broken down into smaller departments. And those are Parks, Design and Development, Recreation and Pools, Forestry, Bay Beach Amusement Park, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Triangle Ski Area, and Administration. And so within all those areas we you know, like to use environmental friendly best practices to manage those areas. And we try to use the resources that we have to achieve the most effective and practical objectives for the parks and greenways. So as far as the parks, and kind of moving in to some of those practices, looking at areas that I kinda wanna call our manicured areas of the parks, are areas like where we're doing mowing lawns. And so some of the things we're doing with that is just leaving the grass clippings on the laws so they can decompose and become part of the nutrients of the soil to kind of help feed that turf. Same with the leaves. We're no longer collecting leaves. We did that one time in the Haldimoff site but now we're religious using mulching type mowers that, again, will help contribute to the health of the soil. Some of the other things we're doing is recycling. And we do things like recycle our used oil, metals like when we take out old play equipment, all of that gets recycled. That type of thing. Cardboard that we collect from city hall, in the parks shop and that type of thing. We even recycle the Christmas trees that are out front of city hall here, where they're actually not cut trees, they're balled and burlapped. So then we'll planting those in the parks come Spring.

- How cool.

- Which is kind of a cool idea. Another thing we're doing is changing over our picnic tables and benches to like a recycled, composite lumber instead of using wood and often times that wood requires a lot of maintenance, whether it's painting or just wears out and you have to replace it. So we're hoping that that will help in keeping those things long term. And then sort of moving into our natural areas and how we maintain those. I would say our primary focus there is invasive removals, habitat restoration, and trail maintenance. As far as invasive removals go, I would say the area we've been focusing on most is within the Bear Creek Greenway. We have 500 acres of greenway and so it's a huge territory for us to maintain. And there's quite a bit of buckthorn, is really the main thing that we're trying to target there. We do have help from the Bear Creek Preservation Foundation. Under our direction they have been hiring contractors to help with some of the removals. And they help lead groups of volunteers to help with the removals, as well as hire interns to help with that. Same thing at the wildlife sanctuary. There we have about 600 acres of natural area that we maintain and we hire interns to help with the removals there. Phragmites is something we've been trying to target throughout the city and we've had some help with that with the Bay-Lakes Regional Planning Commission. Ideally, it would be great to have a city-wide invasive species management plan but as a department we just haven't had the resources to do something like that, so it's something to consider. And then looking at habitat restoration, it's improving biodiversity throughout the city. I can say one of the main areas we've been able to do things with that is throughout the Bear Creek Greenway. And, again, the preservation foundation has been helping us with that. They help fund and plan for burns and native plantings and that type of thing. Right now we are currently, actually, doing a pretty big removal of buckthorn. We have contracted with NES to hand cut the slope right behind the hill there. And then, sort of the flat portion that goes up to the paved trail, we'll actually be using a Fecon Mower. I don't know if you're familiar with that but it's kind of like a machine that just sort of eats the plant material and sort of turns it into mulch chips which is kind of cool and something we haven't done

before. So there'll be need to see how that turns out. And then the plan is to burn that a year from now and then put in some seeing and, at some point, do more tree removal within that area and that kind of thing. So it's kind of a longer term plan. At Bay Beach look at, new developments we're looking at out there, we're planning to put fish habitat at the end of the wildlife viewing platform. As well as doing wetland restorational in the Bay there. Some of the other things we have are Butterfly gardens throughout some of the parks which help to attract pollinators into the area. We've been partnering with Ducks Unlimited to help restore marsh habitat there. And we're going to be using engineered logjams to help protect the shoreline. And doing some seeding of wild rice and some native aquatic planting that's gonna help restore the area and our goal there is to attract water fowl and northern pike. And then trail maintenance is also sort of another issue we deal with throughout the greenways. We've been focusing in the Bear Creek Greenway working with the Bear Creek Preservation Foundation to prioritize areas that are problematic throughout those trails and kind of working on a plan to try and fix those. A lot of those trail areas are in wetland so it's more difficult to fix those trails but we're working on it. We do have mountain bikers out there who are helping. They're kind of umbrellaed under through the Bear Creek Foundation. And so the foundation sort of oversees them through our direction. And they help with blowing leaves off the trails and maintenance of the trails; cutting away debris and that type of thing to keep it safe. Then kind of moving into our Design and Development. Sustainability is definitely an important aspect for us as far as that goes. With new development we try to design with the least amount of impact on the land. So we try to work around existing trees and wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas when we're planning. We try to choose materials that are long lasting and durable. When we're choosing plants we choose plants that are suited for the sites, so it's gonna reduce maintenance for those plants long term. We've been introducing LED lighting into some of the parks and shelters and trails. I know the Fox River Trail lights were just converted over to LED, as well as the Kroc Center Trail lighting is LED. We also have solar panels at Lake Park which we actually get accredit from the energy that we generate from WPS. And then moving into Stormwater Management. It's obviously a high priority for the city. I don't know if you're familiar with that, but any projects that we do that disturb over half an acre of land requires a stormwater management plan. So it's really been adding to the cost of a lot of our projects. But it is important and we recognize that. We use biofilters by retention ponds, permeable paving and that type of thing to alleviate the water. Some examples of that are at Perkins. We have biofilters around the new tennis courts there, as well as within the parking lot. At Bay Beach we are planning to do a stormwater management plan for the entire facility within the next year. Which is pretty important being so close to the bay, and of course with the new beach coming. We do have some permeable paving in some of the parks. The west end parking lot at Bay Beach is permeable paving and that was a grant funded project. We also have a small path through our edible garden at Seymour Park that is permeable as well. Another important thing that we're doing throughout the city is developing a unified pedestrian trail system, which is important as far accessibility for the community and not having to use vehicles to get to the parks. We're trying to get them to either walk or bike to them if they're able. Part of that includes property acquisition and we are focusing on some of that along some of the water ways right now. For example we are currently working on the East River Trail and what we're calling them the sing-link. And it's basically a one section portion of the city that we're hoping to connect with the existing East River Trail to the Fox River Trail. And we're actually looking at hiring some consultants in the very near future to design. So our two areas that we're focusing on right now are, one is along St. George Street and we're gonna be implementing a canoe/kayak launch. Some of that is grant funding that will be paying for that. And another portion of that trail is the on Main Street kind of between Baird and Erwin. And we're looking at doing sort of a Urban Plaza in that section of trail. That should be a little more unique and we'll... And then within the Bear Creek Greenway we are still looking at property acquisition there to try and continue the paved trail to the east. And by doing that we'll also be helping to protect the quality of the water that's gonna turn into the creek there. We are also currently working on the, with the Bear Creek Preservation Foundation had donated money for us to purchase a bridge that is gonna be going and it's just west of I43 near the lower parking lot people refer to the lower parking lot there. And we're gonna be installing a bridge because that area of trail used to cross the railroad but the railroad said it's not safe. They don't want people going through there anymore and so we kind of have to reroute that to keep people safe and keep them moving through the trail system. And so grant writing is definitely something that we do to help fund our projects. One thing that we do is every five years, we have to update our park recreation and open space plan. And I don't know if any of you are familiar with

this document but you may want to become familiar with it. And if so, I'm not sure if we have it online, but I know we can make it available. So I just wanted to point that out. And we're gonna actually be updating this again this year. We're due for an update, so. But that helps us to get DNR grants. Moving into forestry. Our Forestry Department takes care of the trees not only within the parks, but in Greenways, but also along city streets within the right of ways. They do about 800 removals per year for dying/diseased trees. 300 of those are ash trees because we're obviously dealing with the emerald ash borer. And we have been able to repurpose some of the wood that we've cut down for that and actually the west end train ride that was installed at Bay Beach. Some of that track section is ash trees that we used, so that's kind of fun. We do treat about 2200 emerald trees for emerald ash borer here and that's on like a two to three year rotational period. So as far as what we do with all the tree debris is the brush that we collect is turned into mulch which we then distribute throughout the parks as far as plantains and that kind of thing. And then anything we're not able to chip we bring to our yard waste recycling centers and they're either turned into fire wood or compost. And then our department plants about 650 to 700 trees per year. So we're not quite making up for what we're removing but it's not too far off so I think you know. We're doing well there. As a department we feel that getting people into the parks is a high priority. It's good not only for the health of the community, but also for creating citizens who are concerned about the viability of the parks. And so recreation plays a role in that. We have over 300 community partners that can be tied into helping sponsor sustainability in our programming. We have programs like The Chill Chaser, Parks RX, Fit in the Parks, which are designed to try and get people out into the parks and exercise. We also have the Playground Program in the Summer and actually we're doing a Winter version of that too which is pretty exciting. But four of those sites have community gardens and the UW extension helps come out and teach kids about gardening and that kind of thing during those programs. And then, of course, we do hikes. Guided hikes through the wildlife sanctuary in Bear Creek. So it's a good way to try and get people interested in getting around those areas. And then we have the wildlife sanctuary where we do animal rehabilitation and improving the health of our local wildlife that way. We are providing public access to wildlife for people to come and see the animal displays and providing the food so they can come out and feed the birds which, if you've never done, you really should because it's an experience. Especially for little ones and then we're the ones. And so, another thing we're doing there is we have the Oak Learning Center which is our nutribased four year old kindergarten program. And we've partnered with UW green or, I'm sorry, UW Green Bay and the Green Bay area public schools for that. It's really just a great way for students to be able to engage in interactive outdoor learning. So we feel that getting people immersed in those outdoor environments has a tremendous benefit for the health of the community as a whole. That's pretty much a brief summary of the things that we do. And if anybody has any questions, please feel free to ask. And then just one other thing too I wanted to mention is that we were hoping that we would be able to get some ideas from you guys as far as how you think you could perhaps help our department too. So if you want to throw that out there, that would be great. Yes.

- When you, that question... Are you talking about like your actual like where you're working or you mean just things you could programming or things you could do through your departments? Does that make sense?

- I guess, just as a group how you feel you could benefit or help our department with these types of things. If that makes sense.

- Does most or your, all of your work and goals, come from that document?

- From here?

- Yes. So it'd be important to get those in the next one.

- Sure. Yeah we could definitely get this to you and if you're interested in looking it over. There's a lot of information in here about what we do.

- Sounds like you guys are doing some really great things.

- Thanks. Yes.
- I want to thank you for coming to take your time to do this tonight.
- Sure
- And also, just thank you and the Parks Department for working on these various projects. A lot of these are near and dear to my heart. Some of these are projects that I actually implemented when I was on city counsel and it's cool to hear... It's really cool to hear how many have taken off and you guys are working really hard on a lot of great stuff.
- Great, thanks.
- So if there are things that we can do to like help with seeking out grants or if you need help talking through grants--
- Okay.
- That's something I think some of us would be willing to do. And I do think the parks department has been a leader for the city, as far as sustainability goes. You guys really know your stuff, so.
- Great, thank you.
- Thank you for all the good work you do.
- You bet, thanks. I enjoy it. I'm pretty sure everyone else in our department does too, so. It's fun.
- That's great.
- I have a question on the tree removal.
- Yes.
- So today we saw two trees being removed--
- Okay.
- Right outside our window. And I didn't notice that the two trees removed were diseased. Is there a process of removing non-diseased trees to prevent disease, or are they all sick or diseased?
- That's a great question that I unfortunately don't know the answer to.
- Yeah.
- But--
- It was just like when you said, they cut it down, they had it roped, they chipped it and then they carried away the other stuff.
- Okay.
- Yeah, exactly. So it was interesting to hear your numbers here, but I had heard that sometimes the city just takes down trees that are healthy to prevent disease spreading. Especially with the ash, but I don't know.

- Yeah I honestly--

- That's fine, okay. don't know either.

- Are you look for the sustainability commission to help develop a comprehensive invasive species plan? Because that was something that you had brought up.

- I think it would be great for the city to have something like that. I think the department and city would benefit from it. Like I had mentioned, we don't have the resources and haven't really in the past to do that. I know many other counties do and perhaps it could be something that's a county wide effort too. Not necessarily just limited to the city. But yeah, there is definitely a need for it. So any help we can get in doing that would be great.

- I know there's, I don't know whatever happened to it, but I worked with the mayor's intern on a phragmites kind of plan. It was 2011 maybe. Again, you guys probably have specific action plans for these things, but I know there is something probably on some shelf somewhere regarding phragmites.

- Yeah, I've only been with the department for a couple of years and so I'm not involved, I wasn't involved with sort of the planning that went on with that. But yes, I know there is some planning that's been done. Some work that has been done but that's the extent of my knowledge of it.

- Are there any other projects that you've identified that help promote sustainability that you haven't had the resources to work on that we could maybe look into a little bit more and any areas that you think would be really appropriate to look into similar to the invasives?

- I think the stormwater management is really kind of a newer and bigger deal for us in really having to fund that, on top of what we're trying to fund while implementing those projects. That's another area in that if we could get help in anyway it would be great.

- Great.

- Regarding that, as the stormwater--

- Oh wait hold on a second.

- You have to motion the--

- So what would need to happen is the commission would have to make a motion to open up the floor.

- Right open the floor. Cory is a staff member, so she can just--

- Gotcha, gotcha, gotcha. Sorry, you don't have to open the floor. I'll ask you later.

- Okay.

- At another time.

- Sure.

- Out of order. Sorry, I'm often out of order. Broken really.

- Are there other questions or anything from folks?

- What part of the stormwater is really the hard part? The money for what, the design or the...
- The cost to implement it. And the design, the engineering as well. So I'd say both.
- How much of this crosses over between you and DPW as far as stormwater?
- Well, it's in the ordinance. So we, like everyone else, have to follow the ordinance that the city has for the requirements.
- To get their stormwater-- they have to meet the criteria.
- Yes.
- As far as a plan though, as far as planning, does that come together?
- DPW helps with some of our planning but they have so many projects going on that we've been doing more contracting out of engineering work because they just don't have the time to do it.
- Is it like project by project that you need help with or is there something like broader that could be helpful?
- Right now I would say it's on a project by project basis.
- Do you have an overall goal in terms of looking at reducing the amount of, let's say, permeable, or impervious service that you're putting in as per projects? You're developing a park and you're putting in trails and looking at the difference between paved trails and other types of materials or putting in shelters that are less impervious. The options that are out there now as compared to, let's say, 10 or well 20 years ago or more.
- Sure. We don't necessarily have a plan for that other than it is something that we consider. But, again, it's typically more costly. Generally, there's just not the funding there to implement that type of thing even though the desire is there.
- As opposed to building stormwater management ponds everywhere.
- Sure.
- Yeah, if you know the projects--
- Seen grants written for design and implementation of green infrastructure and stormwater practices.
- Okay, and it helps that you're in a coastal city.
- Right.
- There are definitely grant opportunities--
- Okay.
- That you would be competitive for.
- Okay.

- If you're interested.
- Yeah if you could share some of those resources with us that would be great.
- Referring back to invasives, has the parks department reached out? Are you guys in coordination with any local nonprofits as far as developing an ISMP or even to take care of invasives in the area?
- For the most part, really the only group that I've been working with, a nonprofit, is the Bear Creek Preservation Foundation and within that Bear Creek Greenway.
- Okay.
- But we have also, like I said, 600 acres at the wildlife sanctuary that needs attention to and we just don't have the man power and resources to get out there. I mean there are other areas too but yeah we definitely could use more.
- Are there questions or anything?
- Do we move to open the floor?
- There's a motion by Ned to open the floor. Is there a second?
- Can you just hold on one second?
- Second.
- It's not important really.
- Doesn't matter.
- Did you pass the motion?
- Alright and there's a second by Randy.
- All those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- Anybody opposed? Alright the floor is open unanimously.
- Quick question--
- So you have to put your name and your address.
- Oh jeez really, all that?
- Yes.
- Is there a podium? Do I have to do that--
- No you can speak... The camera's pretty good if you can--

- Hi, Justin Balsley, 324 North Ashley Avenue, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302. I was just curious, have the stormwater regulations changed? Has there been a more stringent guideline or something that the, has the expense gone up?

- Honestly, being somewhat new to the department I can't answer that 100% accurately. But to my knowledge, I would say that I've been told that the city has implemented, somewhat recently, more stricter standards than what we've had in the past. And I think it's some more changes and that type of thing that have--

- So it's a city guideline, not a--

- Yes.

- No.

- An EPA guideline.

- No, it's the total maximum daily load, the TMDL, which has nutrient like a phosphorus and sediment requirements on it.

- That is federal, down to the DNR--

- Okay, that's what I was, sure.

- And to the municipalities. The municipality has a stormwater permit they have to meet to reductions. And these reductions came in what, 2012 or something.

- Okay so it's fairly--

- So it's new.

- Fairly recent.

- And they're very strict. So any redevelopment that happens is gonna fall under this. So your projects are redevelopment right?

- Thank you I appreciate that. You guys are too kind.

- So there's phosphorus requirements? If it doesn't have phosphorus do we gotta add phosphorus?

- You have phosphorus limits.

- Limits.

- Phosphorus reduction requirements.

- You said it was name and address?

- Name and address please.

- It's Alex Bjorklund, 1695 Fiesta Lane, Green Bay 54302. So I just wanted to introduce myself. I represent a invasive species partnership.

- Yes! We do actually just... Our partners right now are Lang Way, Menominee, Shawano, and Oconto counties. Essentially our goal is basically sustainability of the ecosystems and to work across jurisdictional boundaries to make sure that invasive species are managed because they don't hit borders and say "Nevermind that's Shawano county we're not going in there 'cause we're in Brown county."

- I would never say that.

- So I don't need to mention phragmites in the area. That's a lot of work being done. We do focus more on terrestrial invasives. And, as a citizen living in Green Bay, I've noticed some of these invasives in areas that aren't as focused on, like Bear Creek obviously has good projects going on with the foundation. But after finding out that there's not a management plan in place, that's actually something that as a citizen I'd like to look more into or potentially lend my assistance on. And I think if we move forward with trying to do something like that, obviously very up in the air right now, I definitely think the commission would be a good help. I think the goals, they're pretty much directly aligned. Just wanted to throw that out there. If anybody has any questions.

- I'm sorry, the commission?

- The sustainability commission.

- Oh I'm so sorry.

- This one.

- Does the Timberland Invasives Partnership have a standing ISMP?

- We have a memorandum of understanding and bylaws but we do work to help develop our counties ISMP's. Right now we're currently in the process of updating at Oneida and Menominee counties, me and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance coordinator. They're more on the aquatic end of things, whereas I do the terrestrial stuff. We do work with it, but we don't necessarily have one ourselves. If that answered your question.

- So if you're in an area where they've built up the land, would that be extraterrestrial?

- Oh boy.

- I've been waiting. I've been waiting for one over there.

- Alright, we need to motion--

- Move to close the motion.

- Second.

- There's a motion to close the floor by Ned. Seconded by Randy.

- Hold on, hold on.

- Makes sense to me.

- I was waiting for that extraterrestrial joke.

- It's true.

- Okay that's okay. So motion by Ned.
- And second by Randy.
- And second by Randy to close the floor. Okay.
- Alright, all those in favor?
- [Congregation] I.
- Anybody opposed? Alright, the floor is now closed. I thought it was really exciting that ya'll have a solar panel at Lake Park, I wrote it down somewhere. Do you have any other plans to like implement any renewable energy sources at other parks or anything? Is there anything else related to that that you've been working on?
- Nothing currently to my knowledge.
- Okay.
- It is of course something that we think about but again, cost to implementing that sort of thing are higher up front and so it makes it more difficult to fund projects like that.
- Great. Well we can definitely keep an eye out for any grant opportunities as well with energy. We're researching a few right now. EPA said that they might be able to point us in the right direction too.
- Great.
- Do we have any other questions for the parks folks? Alright, well thank you so much for coming to speak with us. Ya'll are doing some great work and I just say that--
- Thank you.
- If there's any way that we can help definitely let us know and then vise versa. We'll let you know if we come up with any ideas.
- Perfect sounds great, thank you.
- [Congregation] Thank you.
- So the motion to...
- Alright perfect.
- Did we do that with your report?
- Yeah I mean, I had much to say... On file. So call for the vote and then I'll just...
- Should we do it with both?
- Yes. Okay.
- Alright, there's a motion--
- Eloquently done.

- Motion by Ned to receive the chairs report and the presentation from the parks report and place on file.
Second by Mark.

- Okay.

- All those in favor say I.

- [Congregation] I.

- Anybody opposed? Alright perfect. Okay, moving onto regular business here.

- Okay, hold on one second. And go ahead.

- So, if you look at this tab here, regular business, you can click into an attachment. The first item is discussion with possible action on creating a mission for our commission. Alright I thought Randy was gonna--

- I'm thinking very hard here. Trying to come up with... Hardly thinking. I'm not where I want to be.

- I can't figure out what the heck...

- Oh there we go.

- So when we look at this document here, I put this together and I included the language that's explicitly in the ordinance that created this commission that was relevant to creating a mission for the commission. This has the purpose, the definitions that are established, and then it outlines our powers and duties which I think is just a good refresher to look over if we haven't already. But looking at the previous sustainability taskforce, they had a couple missions that they had reworked as well. So I also put those in here. And in talking with some folks I think it'd be appropriate for our sustainability commission to come up with a formal mission-- One key or policy, language oriented. So I put together a draft mission statement that is basically the reworked purpose statement from the ordinance, but it takes out things like "it is hereby established" and things like that. So I'd like folks to take a look at that and then I think we have a number of things that we could do here tonight. If I wrote it perfectly, we can vote to approve it or if we have any amendments we would like to make right now we can do so as a group. Or if we want to take a month to think about it and come back with any amendments we could do that.

- Looks good to me.

- I like it.

- I'm fine with going with this but I don't know how anybody else feels.

- Ned?

- I'd like to maybe pull a little bit out. Just make it a lot shorter. I like the wordings that were in the ordinance that set us up with help, prosperity, safety, and welfare. And maybe just those words. Like I said, a lot shorter and kinda so you can just remember it.

- So would that be illuminating everything from the protection up to is required? Oh wait no nevermind, I didn't read that whole sentence. That wouldn't make sense. So do you have a...

- I'm not gonna make that motion yet, I'm just sharing.

- Okay, other folks?

- This is also just a comment, so I have no suggestion attached to it. But, and I realize that it's based directly off the ordinance, but I feel like it's missing some economic and social wellbeing, or social equity type something about those two. I guess when I think of sustainability it's the environment but it's both of those other things too.

- I agree with Julia on that one as well. That was my first thought here, the environment, and then I was going through and looking, well, related to social or economic aspects of it and the balance that we're trying to achieve. Personally I think there's a need to definitely stress environment over economics. But I don't know if we can get into that too deeply and still talk sustainability, so.

- Does prosperity cover economic? That's what I was thinking.

- Yeah. 'Cause I had a draft that had had social and economic, but I saw prosperity, safety, and welfare.

- That was kinda my first reaction too and then I went back and reread those forwards and I'm like "Those are all social". Health, prosperity, safety, welfare. And in regarding access to resources, I mean, I think that hits. Especially with health and safety. I do agree that I wanna make sure it's not just thinking about the nonhuman environment. It's about people and our environment.

- Other thoughts?

- I like the way it includes, at the bottom, consult with private entities, higher education institutions and community without having to list so many things. This also includes some real, it could be some very influential people or places in the community that could be great if they got on board.

- Yeah. And that part is already codified and passed in the ordinance. So the part to edit would be the very last draft mission statement, which doesn't explicitly mention--

- C.

- C. So this is gonna be at the very bottom. We're gonna have, so that's in the ordinance that created us and those are the powers that are outlined, which I agree are super crucial to explicitly name. The mission is more of like our brief thesis statement. Something we could put on a brochure that's less technical in language. Which is basically taken from that beginning purpose statement.

- So if you take this draft mission statement and consolidate a little bit because the second paragraph says this sustainability commission is dedicated to exploring all the sustainability initiatives with goal of providing more sustainable and vibrant health community. Kind of by definition, as a sustainability--

- You're gonna sustain.

- It's actually more, I would say you could take some of that and actually put it "the sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, improvement, and promotion of the environment, as well as the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community for future and present generations. It's all there in one. Some of the redundancies are there. It narrows it down a little bit to one statement.

- How'd that go again?

- Say that again.

- Yeah.

- You like it?
- I speak too quickly sometimes.
- So the sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, the stewardship, improvement, and promotion of the environment. How'd I end the rest of that?
- It's fine, I'm still copying and pasting.
- And then bringing in that second sentence somewhere in there. In the interest of the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community. I don't think you have to say "is required in the interest", you can just say "is in the interest of itself".
- I think so, if I can hear it right back.
- So the sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, improvement, and promotion of the environment in the interest of providing a more sustainable, vibrant, and healthy community.
- No it was the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare.
- Yeah, so actually take it from--
- Oh and then take that part and then put it at the end. In the interest of, oh I see what you mean.
- Interesting.
- Could we shorten it a little bit?
- More?
- Yeah. Oh yeah, let's get rid of some words here.
- Okay. Let's hear what we got.
- At the end of the day Seth, everything you proposed is wrong.
- Now you get it.
- How many meetings did it take to figure that out?
- So what I have for you is "The sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, improvement, and promotion of the environment in the interest of the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community for present and future generations." That's where I left it.
- Love it.
- Now let's ax a word.
- I was just gonna, well this is kinda theft but, it's one when we were researching a commission I was looking at some mission statements. And one would be like "Green Bay sustainability commission works to create a healthy community for future and present generations by proposing measurable solutions to pressing

environmental, social, and economic concerns for the city of Green Bay. That was just one I had. Yeah, that's that. But that would be a rewrite, but I like the one that's there too. It was just a suggestion.

- I think he wants to cut it down.

- I do. I want it so we can remember it like

- I'll never remember it.

- Mission, here's, but it's still taking years but, just cutting it.

- How about "The mission of the sustainability commission is to promote the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community."?

- Nothing about the environment?

- Well we have to take care of the environment to promote the health--

- But we're focusing on the environment. We're not focusing on Department B or whatever.

- Combine the relationship between the community and then you can... So it'd be the healthy community and the relationship with economic, social, and environmental factors. So then if you--

- Promote the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community and environment.

- I don't think I can give up on the statement that says for present and future generations.

- I like that.

- Because a lot of times you're thinking of a commission or a committee and you're saying "Okay you're planning to the future, but we're not. We're trying to plan for today as well."

- And I like the idea of promotion of the environment. In the interest of. And it covers all the bases, economics, social vibrancy. It's pretty comprehensive. I like the amended version as is. And before you vote on anything you'll need to read that to me so I can type it.

- Just to let you know.

- We could also mull it over for a month if we would like, until our next meeting, or we could pass it right now.

- Or we can continue--

- You wanna play with it for a month?

- I don't know.

- I don't care, it's up to you. You wanna play with it?

- You want to read it one more time to everybody?

- Yeah so the version that we have on the table right now is "The sustainability commission"--

- Wait wait wait.
- You want me to email it to you?
- Yeah you can email it to me, that would be fine.
- Okay sounds good. I'll make sure I wrote it down right before I send it to you.
- Okay.
- Alright, "The sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, improvement, and promotion of the environment in the interest of health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community for present and future generations."
- Did you wanna cut out some of the words in front of environment there? The protection, stewardship, improvement, and promotion, do we need all those?
- I'd get rid of promotion. But I like the word stewardship a lot.
- I think things in threes sound better.
- Could we just do with stewardship? Would stewardship cover it all?
- I like the idea of improvement because stewardship, to me, implies, actually protection and stewardship go hand in hand and improvement is betterment.
- Yeah.
- Okay, so stewardship and improvement? Get rid of promotion and protection?
- No, I'd just take out the promotion.
- Yeah.
- I think things go well in threes.
- Threes?
- Yeah.
- It's just...
- Feel good about--
- So take out promotion.
- Okay.
- That shortens it a little.
- I'm leaving in the oxford comma. That's not up for debate.
- Do it. You have to leave the oxford comma. We're all pro-oxford comma right?

- I prefer the cambridge comma.
- Alright so now we have "The sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, and improvement of the environment in the interest of health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Green Bay community for present and future generations."
- I like that.
- Okay so the appropriate... 'Cause that is a fairly significant amendment from what you had given. Right? Okay so the appropriate motion would be to amend to do that. If that's what you'd like to do tonight.
- But no one's taking a motion.
- No I'm just telling you. That's what it would be.
- Yeah a motion to make that our mission.
- I think you could take out a couple words for that four word health, prosperity, safety. 'Cause I mean welfare is, according to the dictionary, the health and happiness and fortunes of a person or group.
- So again three. Health, prosperity, safety, there we go. That's three.
- Or yeah definitely, prosperity and welfare. It kind of covers the social and economic bases.
- I kind of like prosperity over welfare.
- No, both of those, and.
- So which three do we want? Health, prosperity, and welfare or--
- I definitely think health and welfare are redundant. I like both those words. Welfare seems to cover more social things--
- I agree, and I think safety is redundant too.
- So prosperity--
- Well health can cover what you're saying.
- Prosperity and welfare of the...
- I think prosperity has more economic implications.
- Which I would keep in there.
- So keep that one.
- Health is so healthy.
- That is your welfare. That's like the first word under the definition of welfare.
- And safety comes under welfare. Is that what you're saying Ned?

- So just prosperity and welfare?
- It does, safety is also in that. Synonyms of safety. Synonyms you know, wellbeing, health, happiness, comfort, security, safety, protection, prosperity. I don't know. I guess it's kind of all of them.
- You could say economic prosperity and social welfare.
- I think we're looking for not just social welfare but also like the biological welfare, right?
- Sure.
- So you can just leave it plain, I would think. So you're thinking just take out health?
- I would suggest prosperity and welfare.
- Perfect.
- Yeah editing but--
- Excuse me, who loves wordsmiths.
- Seriously, by a group it's like--
- But then they don't have the three.
- I say we drop safety if we want to do the threes. I think that's the most flexible. Health, prosperity, and welfare.
- Yeah I can see how health fits into welfare but I like the idea of kind of emphasizing that a little bit. Health, I think that's a good...
- It is. And it has a nice ring to it.
- Healthy ring to it.
- Also, what we decide is not gonna limit us.
- No.
- It doesn't stop us from doing--
- Discourage us from coming back to this meeting.
- We can always come back on a new day, right? If we find that--
- It's a good perspective.
- Oh sure yeah.
- It's not good for our health. This conversation.
- Do it now.

- Do it now and not have to come back and redo it later.
- Alright so safety's gone?
- Safety's gone.
- Alright. How do we feel now?
- Can you read it again?
- The sustainability commission is dedicated to the protection, stewardship, and improvement of the environment in the interest of health, prosperity, and welfare of the Green Bay community for present and future generations.
- Ned can you remember that?
- Can I remember all those words?
- Can anyone remember all those words? It's okay, 'cause if we may a T-shirt we can just like pick the three best words.
- You're gonna add a word to this?
- What is the acronym of this?
- The is in front. In the interest of the health, prosperity, and welfare of the Green Bay community for future--
- In the interest of the health.
- In the interest of the health.
- I think it just reads better.
- Yeah.
- How about a health?
- Okay.
- Okay. I'll make a motion that that become our mission statement.
- Alright we have a motion to have this become our mission by--
- To adopt as amended.
- As amended by Alderman Scannell. Is there a second?
- But there was never one forwarded?
- It was a draft.

- There was someone in there. There was a draft in the attachments. He didn't create it from whole cloth. There was a document.
- There was never a mission but it was a draft proposed, like Seth wrote up a draft.
- Yes.
- A starting point.
- But it was never offered. We basically knitted our whole cloth. We used this, we could've done anything. We haven't really put forward a, well I don't care. It's not a big deal.
- We don't have one currently.
- Let's start over.
- We don't need to amend one if one doesn't exist. Is that what you're saying?
- Right, yeah.
- I will second his motion, whatever it may be.
- There's a second by--
- I just want to sit here and argue over details.
- Yeah let's move on. If we need to amend it, it's fine.
- Alright keep her moving. There's a second by Mark. All those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- Anybody opposed? Alright we did something.
- On to the next item.
- On to the next item. I'm gonna email this to you.
- Thank you.
- I'm gonna change it a little though before I send it.
- Okay.
- I'm just kidding.
- Alright on to the second item. Under goals. Let's go back. This is the grid that we had approved for managing the different goals that we had outlined. I filled it out a little bit but I wanted, since it's a new year, to take an opportunity to revisit some of the goals that we had identified. And to update this as a working document or set a plan to continue to update our goals management. So if we look at this we, at our first meeting, identified renewable energy, stormwater management, green infrastructure, waste reduction, sustainable transportation, a sustainability chapter in the comprehensive plan, community outreach, and also strategic planning. And then at our second meeting we had identified the Green Tier Legacy Community programs as areas to pursue. So I

wanted to check in and see if there are other, as we go into a new year, revisit our goal setting process and see if we wanna continue to have these be priorities of our commission and then establish next steps on working on those. I think that an area where we could start would be assigning point people to some of these areas. I don't know if we need to sit and go through this grid box by box by box. But if we want to just revisit our goals and discuss that and how to move forward. I think that would be appropriate.

- I have a question.

- Yeah.

- Then is invasive species going to be one of our added on goals?

- Yeah. Well I think that that would be the discussion that we would wanna have right now. What other goals at this point would we wanna discuss. I think that there's a number of things that we could also work on. So invasive species removal and coming up with a city plan could possibly be identified. I also, kind of very generally throughout there, at the bottom of this sheet, other goals for 2019. Just looking at sustainability practices that the city is already doing. So we've heard from public works and we've heard from parks. I think that there's a number of other departments that we can continue to hear from to figure out what folks are doing, and also identifying possible projects. We could formalize that as a goal if we would like to or we could keep doing what we're doing. And then after some conversations over break, talking about formalizing a way for folks that aren't on the sustainability commission like Mike who is our city planner, or city plan reviewer. Figure out how folks can help drive our work as well and create a network of advisors. So not something we need to act on but I think that that would be an apt motion to make if we want, or a discussion to have. So I think we have a number of avenues if folks just wanna review this. I think that we could assign point people to the different goals that we do have assigned and then identify other goals. And then work on that in the next month and bring our progress back next month and go from there. I think that would save us another couple hours of wordsmithing a grid for a while. I thought it was fun guys.

- If you could put me down.

- As point person for stormwater management?

- Sorry, I'm just realizing I never answered your email.

- Oh no that's okay.

- The answer is yes.

- Okay, great.

- I had you typed out and then I was like "I should ask her first."

- You're fine.

- Yeah, cool. So Julia's gonna be... We need to--

- Well, let's just

- Let's keep talking.

- Yeah.

- Yeah. Alright so Julia will be our point person on stormwater management and green infrastructure and then will be responsible for kinda setting the goals within that goal and then bring updates on different projects and stuff.
- Okay.
- Then we can talk offline about what that'll be too.
- Yeah I'm just wondering to have a focus on each of them. Each of the categories for this group so that we can all be, I don't know.
- Kind of pursuing our--
- Yeah so for example, I'm not just coming up with the goals. The whole group's part of the discussion.
- Yeah.
- Maybe in the future.
- Yeah I think that if there's potential things that we can work on then we add that to the agenda and then we all work on them at our monthly meetings. And then you would just be bringing those forward.
- Yeah the lead one.
- Yeah the lead.
- Waste reduction.
- Which one are you on?
- Yeah which one should Mark be in?
- Shocker.
- Can we find out though if people are interested in working on them too? Maybe not the lead but--
- Yeah, I mean obviously, I shouldn't say obviously, but definitely have a strong interest in zero waste reduction.
- It would actually make my life somewhat easier because then I don't have to go outside my area of expertise and work to do more research.
- If we achieve that goal though don't we put you out of work?
- Yes, thankfully.
- We always say organize yourself out of a job.
- Any successful examples of that?
- No, give me a minute. What are other areas folks would want to take leads on or I think it'd also be time to talk about--

- Well with public transportation, I guess I can take sustainable transportation.
- Alright perfect.
- With the Green Tier Legacy do we need to reach out to them again or are they working on something for us?
- Yeah who's actually the point person for that?
- Well, it was referred to committee and I'm not entirely sure the status of the resolution. So I think as soon as that's, if it does pass and it hasn't gotten to common council yet has it?
- No.
- Okay.
- And I think, 'cause I had to leave the last meeting, I know that Steve was here. Did he talk to you about that resolution at all?
- Yeah I think we all tried to figure out what committee would be the most appropriate to refer it to.
- Right.
- And then it was referred to--
- Was it referred to improvement and service?
- I don't recall which committee it was.
- I can't remember either.
- What would be the options?
- 'Cause I was there. One was like, whatever the committee Steve--
- Return and Improvement.
- He's on IMS.
- 'Cause I was like why? And then you explained why.
- I had referred a staff.
- The question is just a follow up.
- So it should go to IMS committee.
- The staff should bring it to us right?
- Yeah, so we can get it to counsel and they can get--
- Yes.

- Moving.
- I'll just look at it. I'll just see where it is.
- So once it is, it makes its way through committee and through common counsel, we will... Yeah I'm sure that they will be excited if we do decide to join as a community. And then at which point I think the beginning process for that program would be to kinda go through that score sheet and they could help us identify across all sorts of areas. What we are currently doing and not doing. I've been in communication with them thus far. I can continue to.
- I wonder if when we get it to counsel if we should have someone there who can, someone from Green Tier to... In case someone from counsel wants more info.
- Yeah. Do they have to come up from Madison or Milwaukee?
- Probably Madison, I would assume. They sounded pretty enthusiastic about it so I don't think that would be unwelcome. Once we figure out a date for that I can reach out to them and see.
- To give them a chance to do a presentation for counsel possibly.
- Possibly.
- That might be a reason to ask somebody to come that far.
- Right.
- Yeah.
- Just come watch.
- Just come watch for this thing that's probably gonna get passed.
- Do you think counsel will want a presentation?
- That's what I was wondering. They might. Two, three minutes, a quick five minute talk. A quick run through. The counsel might.
- Could somebody here do it though?
- Yeah if it's five minutes I'd feel bad about asking them to drive out.
- No it's not.
- If there is high speed rail.
- Or even if I could get some of the--
- Do you wanna present the--
- PowerPoint I could.
- We did have one. They did present a PowerPoint.

- Right, do we have that somewhere?
- Yes.
- Yeah.
- I have it.
- The agenda packet--
- Yes it's in the agenda packet.
- And I can go back to those passage in the packets to get it correct?
- Absolutely. I mean, to include it--
- Then if it comes up I can--
- Speak to it. Okay, perfect.
- We just saved some gas.
- Yeah we saved some gas.
- Are there any other, excuse me. I'm so sorry. Are there any other point people? 'Cause the Green Tier, that is referred to staff. So that's just a follow up. I don't know if there needs to be like a point person. Are there any other people who want to volunteer for taking pieces of the goals right now?
- I would be interested in community outreach.
- Okay.
- You mean accompany--
- One person at a time guys.
- Oh sorry.
- That's okay.
- Deb go.
- I would be interested in community outreach or sustainability chapter in the next comprehensive plan. I just don't have the hard background that some of you do with the waste management and these sorts of things. But those two sound interesting.
- I'll help with Deb. My previous career was in a planning agency for 22 years so I've done a lot of, actually I commented a lot on that last city's plan. When they were developing it I was kinda involved for a few weeks. I do know a lot of that but how about if we cooperate on that?
- Oh yeah good.
- Cool.

- You can ask questions and if I can get into the nitty gritty that I like to look at sometimes.
- Okay wherever I can be useful.
- Great, and then do you want us to put you down for the community outreach then?
- Yeah.
- Okay perfect.
- That's adding a sustainability chapter to the conference plan? Okay.
- And then I can share the information from Mike with both of you as well, who looked at the last plan.
- Oh yeah.
- 'Cause I don't understand any of it. That was what I mentioned in my report, Mike. The planner from--
- Are there any other goals that we would like to formalize for 2019 going forward? I know we talked about invasive species. I think that there's a number of water quality issues. I think that now would be the time to really dig into those.
- How does water quality change...
- Are you talking about like light plan stuff?
- Just throwing things out there. I think we have plenty to work on.
- That's the stormwater area. For sure. The invasives is like, I mean, more of like a looking at natural, or just, yeah I don't know. It's a broader category like that. I don't wanna lump natural areas into the ecological community, I guess? There is a lot happening right here. A lot with restoration efforts. So I don't know if that's totally something we need to focus on. There's a lot. The invasive species thing, in the ecological community there is a huge community of people who'd love to see an invasive species management plan regionally. Brown county would be a great starting place.
- In terms of restoration there's a ton going on.
- Can we do ecological restoration as a goal?
- That's a good--
- That kind of catches all, native planting, invasive species.
- I would take that one except there's no extraterrestrials, so forget it.
- We'll make some extraterrestrials for Randy.
- Are you volunteering for that one? Is that what you're saying?
- I've done a lot of work in that area. But it sounds like Chase might want to--
- Yeah I was gonna say I wouldn't mind being a point or a second or both of us or whatever you...

- You can put us both on there.
- I'd like to be added to the sustainable transportation one as a second.
- This is what I have so far. So I have Julia is the point person for stormwater management and green infrastructure. And what that means is the person is helping set goals and bring updates. Mark is the point person for zero waste and waste reduction. Essie and Chase are public transportation. Deb Hutchison for community outreach and will work with Mark Walter on adding a sustainability chapter to the comprehensive plan. We are going to add ecological restoration as a goal because it's currently not on there.
- Great.
- Is that correct? And Chase will be the point person.
- And Ned.
- Oh okay.
- And do you have Essie for transportation?
- Yes I do.
- I didn't hear that.
- Then you weren't listening.
- No it's the big ears, sometimes it roles in and out.
- We've identified a new goal. We've assigned folks to be point people. I think that, within the goals we've been assigned, connect with the person if you're co-pointing or just come up with a little bit of a strategy beyond that. By the time the next agenda items are done, if you're able to at least begin to fill out this grid. Send those to me by the deadline and then we can get that approved.
- Let's have a motion to accept that.
- Is there a motion to accept this?
- The goals?
- The goals and point people.
- Just to clarify a question. Hopefully Stephanie can make the next meeting and either come up with a goal that she'd like to work on or take on what of these. So I just wanna make sure we can still continue to add--
- Oh yeah.
- It's a working document.
- You know what, let me just...
- That's the goal.

- Stephanie was real vague on our first meeting with the community outreach.
- Yeah.
- I guess one of the questions, strategic planning as a goal, where we have a discussion and the next discussion item is on the strategy. So how does that jive? In that discussion are we modifying this goal?
- Well I think that was the area that was least clear to me as I was putting this together. And I think that some of what we're talking about right now is kind of strategic planning for the year. It was identified as a goal at the first meeting, that's why it's included. However, I'd be open to suggestions on how to address that. And perhaps that's just--
- Do we even need it as a goal? I mean that's what we do. Do we need it as a goal?
- Oh wait let's--
- Let's look at this one first.
- We might delete it from our goals though.
- That strategic planning--
- Not on the agenda, but within this grid, strategic planning is on there.
- I see, okay. Well you can take that out right now if you want.
- Yeah.
- So what do you wanna do?
- Take it out.
- Okay hold on.
- It's more of a mindset than a goal.
- It's a process. It's an action that you do to get the rest of the goal.
- It's a process.
- Alright so that's taken out of.
- Now we need to just--
- Alright and then if there's any other goals--
- A motion to approve the amendment plan.
- Alright there's a motion by Randy. Is there a second?
- I second.
- Second by Deb. All those in favor say I.

- [Congregation] I.
- Anybody opposed? Alright the new goal plan is approved.
- All my work is on fire today.
- New year, new commission.
- That's right.
- Okay.
- Alright so moving on to the next item.
- Three.
- Three. Let me go back. This kinda talks about our strategy. I think that this is in line with the goal that we just approved from our goal sheet. I think it could be appropriate to just table this item indefinitely and move on.
- Okay hold on one second. It's your motion to do that?
- Yes.
- So moved.
- Motion by Randy.
- Second.
- Second by Essie. All those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- Opposed?
- I'm just gonna say received and place on file.
- That one was the fastest yet.
- Do you want to table or receive and place on file?
- Receive and place on file. Let's get rid of it. Table would be picking it up and--
- Table also means we couldn't discuss it then right now if we wanted to.
- Motion to table and we can't discuss that motion. And I don't like that.
- I'm sorry, can you help explain what you're talking about.
- Robert's rules if you motion to table something you have to vote yes or no, you can't discuss why you're doing that. I'm gonna say no on the vote to table. Are you supposed to second it?

- It's receive and placed on file.
- Was it seconded?
- Yes.
- It was seconded.
- Okay, I didn't know it was seconded.
- It was actually voted on.
- It was voted, you voted on it, I second it and we all I'd it.
- How'd we get back to it?
- Okay.
- Take it off the table Randy. You voted in favor.
- Yeah I guess. Take it off the table.
- Randy has made a motion to take it off the table. Is there a second?
- Ned.
- Second.
- Second by Ned. All those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- Opposed? Alright so it's off the table and now there's a motion to receive and place on file by Randy.
- Second--
- Second by Ned.
- For discussion.
- Any discussion?
- Are we going to revisit this?
- I think we could.
- But it could just be, he could just put it on the agenda.
- Yeah.
- 'Cause actually, this was also a topic, well I think I and Stephanie brought up early on in terms of providing focus. I think we've gotten enough... I think we've gotten farther than we were at the time, so it's not really as needed as at that time. But I'd hate to see it laid to rest for good.

- Okay.
- And certainly when we have an item we'll be strategizing about that item.
- Yeah.
- We don't really need it on the agenda. Unless we want to talk about strategy in general.
- That was something that came up at the first meeting and it's like outdated at this point. It's not as relevant. That's how I feel what that session was about previously.
- It's not sustainable.
- Well it was a means to get to a mission.
- Right.
- I believe. I think we've found a way to get there without doing it.
- I'm not really sure what's being talked about.
- Should we do a strategic plan for this commission. Should we create a vision mission.
- Well we've got a mission.
- We've got the mission. Should we create a formalized strategic plan? It was talked about at the first meeting. It would involve kind of a big session. Probably strengths, weaknesses, analysis...
- I just don't think it's necessary. I think we've got what we need with out mission. That's my two cents on it.
- I think we've got everything we need. I think we've got plans going and those have plans going. I don't know that taking the time to do a whole big... I don't see that we'd end up any different. We'd spin wheels. It's just not sustainable.
- 20 minutes on the mission statement. Which was short.
- So we are ready for a vote on the motion on the table--
- To receive and place on file.
- Receive and place on file. So all those in favor.
- [Congregation] I.
- Opposed? Alright so strategic planning received and placed on file. Alright so the next item here on the agenda this was another one of the things that were proposed as a goal at our first meeting. And there isn't an attachment here, but we kinda talked about some of the difficulties in having a community listening session that we host at one of our meetings. And just some of the practical barriers to having that in an open meetings format. Some partner organizations, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, and Joshua which were two groups that were really instrumental in helping push for the creation of this entity have offered to host a community listening session that is not just going to be based on the scope of Green Bay but kind of Brown county, the community in general. I think that they would be really interested in talking about some of the...

We could share with them the goals that we've identified and they'd be able to have a more interactive session, and then share that feedback with us. They can come present to us at a meeting or they could also, we could attend but not directly participate or they could just type it up and send it to us. So this would kind of fill out that community engagement piece. But I just wanted to see how folks felt about that cause I feel like a recurring theme has been we need more community input. So this would be a way to have more interactive input without the burdens and structure of open meetings. And we wouldn't have to really do the work either.

- I'm sorry I missed who.

- Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters. So it wouldn't be me, it would be an associate of mine. And then Joshua, I don't know the acronym, but they are a social justice faith based organizing group.

- Well we have community outreach as well on our goals. We have some point people now, so they can use this and run with it or do whatever to reach out. So I'm comfortable with our commissioners reaching out and bringing back whatever and going from there. So I don't know if you're gonna need to do any more than receiving place on file with this.

- Yeah.

- So Joshua's going to be doing these, no matter what?

- They said they could if that was something--

- So do they need us? Do they need a green light to do it?

- You could conceivably say "Yes, we're very interested in whatever community listening session you would be hosting. We have point people assigned to that goal." and you can be in attendance. I think it would be good to give them the green light from the commission if that is your desire.

- And I would refer it to the community outreach, I don't know what is that called?

- Point people.

- Point, team, what are we calling it? I would definitely put it under that 'cause...

- Yeah, so if the folks that are doing community outreach I can provide--

- I can refer you to the two organizers for that and then you can take the discussion from there. I know that Joshua is having their next meeting Wednesday the 23rd. So if they were to talk about this this would be when it would happen.

- It's the 21st.

- What the Joshua meeting?

- Board meeting.

- Oh the environmental justice taskforce would be the 23rd. So I can just connect you with those folks and then you can come back with a decision. That sound good?

- Yes.

- And I would vote for that this chart would be useful and used and I'd really like to see the chamber more involved.
- Wait till the next chart. There's another chart with a chamber.
- Should we discuss what delivery platform or method we would prefer? Would we like it to be here, or would we like it to be just an email summary or--
- I think it depends on who you're reaching out to. You gotta work with them.
- What they would prefer.
- Yeah.
- Essentially yeah.
- I think they'd be really open to what would be good for us, though, too.
- With Joshua?
- Yeah with Joshua and WLCV. Why don't we just get you connected with them and then bring a recommendation back next meeting?
- Okay.
- Cool.
- Motion to receive and place on file.
- Alright so there's a motion to receive and place on file by Alderman Scannell.
- Randy.
- Randy.
- Wait hold on one second.
- Is this anything we'd have to do or notice that--
- So the answer to that question is normally when there's an event in the community and a quorum of any board of commission will be in attendance, we do give a kind of notice that the quorum will be in attendance. And a quorum constitutes a meeting.
- How many people?
- Half plus one. So essentially five. We do that all the time. Please don't let that dissuade you. I think that's perfectly reasonable and I think it's a great strategy in order to move forward, in order to get that kind of free flowing back and forth that you were talking about that gets a little stilted here with the parlemetric procedure. Do you want to receive and place this on file or do you want to assign the point people to engage a community organization--
- No it's already been done with the goals.

- Okay.
- What?
- The goals. We had community outreach in the goals, point people. So they can use that chart of whatever they need to help them and they can go in and outreach. I mean we don't need to take this up as a separate item.
- Okay.
- Cool.
- Is that the...
- I think that sounds--
- Okay give me one second.
- That's what I was saying. It basically becomes their item.
- Yes.
- Right?
- There's a motion by Randy and seconded by...
- I'll second it.
- By Julia. All those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- All those opposed say nay.
- I love delegating.
- Alright so moving on to the last item on the agenda. There's one more grid for everybody. So this is... So we've talked about this community outreach piece. I think that there's a number of entities that it would be relevant to start meeting with. A number that come to mind are like WPS, or the chamber, or UW Green Bay, NWTC. And I think any one of these, any numerous of these entities--
- You know that chart is in the last--
- Was attached to the last.
- Was attached to the last.
- Was attached to the community listening session.
- That's why I brought it up then.
- Oh okay. I thought it was gonna in be the last one. Okay well is that okay if we operate as if it was in the final item.

- Well we kinda covered it in the last... So what do you wanna do with that?
- So this is more so for like meetings with folks like the chamber and with Wisconsin Public Service, like for the energy stuff, higher education. So if there's certain folks outside of the city that we would want to meet with that help elevate our goals, we could use this to meet with them. Like WPS for instance, renewable energy.
- But the point people can use that chart--
- So they can--
- That's what I was referring to.
- Okay.
- No the agenda item is about an outreach plan, which this is not. Neither was our last discussion.
- Well using a chart to plan who we want to talk to?
- That's not an outreach plan.
- No, okay.
- That's just going to talk to people.
- Like a community meetings manager.
- That might be under an outreach plan.
- Well the idea here is that we meet with other stakeholders in the community like industry, business, higher education, which is outlined in our purpose.
- So that's what it should say. So community outreach plan, we have community listening sessions to have our community outreach. Maybe this is a stakeholder engagement.
- Stakeholder engagement, okay. That's a better verbiage for it.
- I'm not, this is your meeting, I'm not...
- Why steak? Why not chicken?
- Professional verbiage.
- So that can be a change to how we can do it.
- I can change that too, if that is your desire.
- I think that would be more clear.
- I think that helps clarify.
- Okay.

- I think this is something that would effect everybody and isn't just within the one sub-category. So I think that if there's entities that we would like to engage different stakeholders.

- So I'm gonna need someone to make a motion to actually change that.

- I'll make a motion to amend the item to read stakeholders.

- Moved by Randy. Seconded by--

- Stakeholder engagement.

- Engagement plan.

- Stakeholder engagement plan.

- And seconded by...

- I'll second.

- By Essie. All those in favor.

- [Congregation] I.

- Anybody opposed? The stakeholder engagement plan can allow us to reach out to business, industry, higher education, other folks that might have a stake in what we're doing. We don't necessarily need to fill this out, but I think that, like I talked with Ned as we were putting together the agenda about meeting with Wisconsin Public Service about our renewable energy goals. I think that engaging with the Chamber of Commerce, kinda doing the same thing that we've started to do with the city departments. Say, "What are you already doing to promote sustainability?" "What are your plans in the future?" "What would like to do that you don't have the resources to?" "What's important?" and "How can we help?" Those kind of things. There's some guiding questions on the bottom. I think that if there's folks that wanna maybe tag team. Maybe two people or one person go meet with any of these entities. But that would be an appropriate thing to do right now. I think that Ned and I talked about reaching out to WPS. That's already reflected in there, but if anybody has any burning desire to talk with folks at the chamber or anywhere else, we can add entities. But this will be a way to kinda track that. And just have that align with our goals overall as well.

- I have a question.

- Yeah, Deb.

- These people who go out and talk, would, say, all of us do something? Would we all have, sort of, a list of things together that we agree on that we wanna hit with our audience? So we're kind of saying the same thing to these different groups, or not? Would it be just off the cuff or... What kinds of things would we be asking them or asking them for?

- So I included a list of eight general questions at the bottom but I think, depending on the audience, some of the topics could be more specific. But those are generally the guiding things.

- Probably as the goals get more flushed out more too that would help with the discussion, depending on who you're talking to. Like, "We want to do this, where do we overlap?" or "What's already going on."

- We could share our mission.

- Yeah. Share the mission.
- Have you talked with WPS yet?
- No, we just hatched the plan a couple weeks ago. And maybe this isn't something we're ready to do quite yet but I think these are a few that are outlined.
- I definitely could populate the who. I'm not gonna add my name to the numbers. I don't think at this point. There's a lot of opportunities.
- Yeah well, like UW Green Bay and NWTC, I think that can talk to anybody, a number of folks about stormwater or there's renewable energy folks that we can talk to.
- There's also leadership for the student.
- I mean you have Peak, UW Green Bay.
- You also have the, what is the counsel? Clean Water Action Counsel.
- Oh yeah. Dean was just in there today. If there's folks that we wanna set up meetings with in the next month, I think this would be a good time to delegate certain meetings like that. I think that Ned and I should try and meet with WPS in the next month. I'm not necessarily gonna volunteer for any others but if folks wanna have any of these meetings I think that would be a time to do that. And then we can use this as a working document.
- I would love to see what you guys do and just watch. And then I think I'd feel better about going out on my own.
- Cool.
- Or with someone else. So if you shoot me an email or something, and if I can go I would love to just be a fly on the wall.
- Cool yeah, absolutely. How I envision this working just in the future, just so we can have more conversations with more people in a more formal way. We have this meeting in the next month. When we come back I can include an informational item on the agenda, probably right after the chairs report, where we can all report back some of our findings. Or, if it's more relevant to talk about as a specific agenda item, if action needs to be taken, those can be added as well. Does anybody, especially given the goals that you've kind of been assigned and taken on, is there any meetings that folks wanted to volunteer themselves for right now?
- I think it's okay if the answer is not today.
- I'm gonna not accept this time.
- I have to think about it.
- Something to think about.
- Randy seemed interested though in connecting with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Yeah.

- He left the room, let's assign that to him.
- See what happens when you go to the bathroom?
- So under next steps we'll put "Tell Randy".
- That's literally how we got the community garden on University.
- Really?
- Sheryl went to the bathroom, so I had one more vote than she did. She wanted to do some other project.
- Oh that's hilarious.
- Should we assign him?
- Ask him.
- Yeah we'll wait. Should we stall? Somebody call him. I'm just kidding. I mean we can come back to this next week too. I think if folks wanna meet with other folks, we don't have to get prior approval, but this just helps us be more strategic about who we're talking to as they relate to our goals. I think that we've already made the motion and accepted renaming this, so we can kinda call it that. We have one more item on the agenda which is just adjournment.
- We received and placed on file I think.
- Okay, let' see.
- I'll make that motion.
- Second.
- There's a second by Ned.
- Okay hold on one second.
- Okay, go ahead.
- Alright, all those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- All those opposed? Alright, and now to item F, adjournment.
- I am putting in a motion to adjourn.
- I second that.
- Motion by Essie, second by Mark. All those in favor say I.
- [Congregation] I.
- All those opposed? Thank goodness. Alright we are adjourned. Hey we're getting better.

- She's great. She was really considering applying for this commission.
- Oh really? Oh perfect. Deb and Chase, I'm gonna--