



MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 604 - THE HARRY MAIER ROOM**

A. ROLL CALL.

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

Stephanie Ortiz absent

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

I. Approval of the Agenda for February 13, 2019.

Move informational #2 to the first item. Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ned Dorff to amend. Motion carried.

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

Motion to move by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ned Dorff to approve as amended. 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 the January 9, 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. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Discussion with possible action on the Sustainability Commission's Renewable Energy Work Plan.

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

E. INFORMATIONAL.

I. Update from Sustainability Commission Work Groups.

2. Information from the Community and Economic Development Department on their sustainability efforts, and an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

Moved by Mark Walter, 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

F. ADJOURNMENT.

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

VERBATIM MINUTES

**- It's five o'clock. We will call this meeting of the sustainability commission to order.
Let's see, we will get into... Join the meeting, there we go.**

- You didn't join the meeting?

- Join the meeting. I'm so early, it wasn't available.
- Is everyone joined? Let me just double check and make sure everyone's joined. Chase.
- Yep, I've done it.
- And Mark.
- I'm gettin' there. I've gotta find my paper now.
- Yeah, you can wait.
- We're just joining it?
- Yeah.
- Well I could try to think about-- I've been trying to think about puns to equal Randy.
- No please don't.
- Gotta like write down so--
- Mark, please don't.
- Ahh okay. We still haven't leaved from the last meeting.
- Oh phooey, yes. This is the problem with the tablets.
- What meeting were you in?
- Okay, thank you Chase.
- Oh oh oh oh. Oh.
- The tablet before this is why it's so important if you're sharing tablets, you have to leave the meeting. Just letting you know, Randy.
- Yes. I know you all wanted me to leave the meeting. Just so you can pass along the word.
- I'm working on it.
- Chase, he never left.
- He was here the whole time.
- Yeah.

- This is what happens when you end up late from something.
- That's alright, you're only holding us two minutes so far.
- Login has failed.
- Oh.
- That's not good.
- I signed in yesterday, I was able to sign in this morning too.
- Let me put you in.
- Okay.
- Do you see yourself in?
- Do I see myself in?
- Yes. Did you sign in?
- No, he can't get it to sign in.
- Yes.
- Oh.
- Do you get booted after three times?
- I don't think so.
- Okay. That's good.
- Sometimes, yeah, but I actually don't know if you get booted after three times.
- That's a good idea.
- Yeah, yeah. I think so. For a nickel.
- That's not buying anything.
- Yay, success.
- And then join the meeting. And present voting.
- Yes, yes, yes.

- Okay.
- Alright.
- Let's see. Alrighty.
- Cool. We'll jump into the roll call now.
- Okay.
- Chair.
- Present.
- Vice chair, Ned Dorff.
- Present.
- Alder Randy Scannell.
- Here.
- Essie Fels.
- Here.
- Deb Hutchison.
- Here.
- Chase Hyland.
- Here.
- Julia Noordyk.
- Here.
- Stephanie Ortiz.
- Noordyk.
- Noordyk, I'm sorry. Not here, unexcused, Mark Walter.
- Here.
- Alright. On to approval of the agenda for February 13th.

- **Motion to amend the agenda before we approve it?**
- **There's a motion to amend the agenda from Alder Randy, is there a second to approve?**
- **Second.**
- **Informational number two.**
- **Is there a second to--**
- **Second.**
- **Yeah.**
- **'Kay.**
- **Motion to--**
- **Okay.**
- **Informational number two, to our first item.**
- **Okay, so after approval of the minutes, before regulation.**
- **That's the spot.**
- **That's the spot, alright, motion on the table. All those in favor, please say aye.**
- **Aye.**
- **Anybody opposed? Motion passes, alright, back to the main motion. Approval of the agenda, do we have a motion?**
- **Motion.**
- **Motion approved. Seconded, whoops.**
- **Motion seconded by Vice Chair Dorff, seconded by Alder Randy. All those in favor, please say aye.**
- **Aye.**
- **Anybody opposed say nay.**
- **Hold on a second. Okay.**

- Alright, now we are on to approval of the minutes for So there's a motion from Randy, is there a second?

- Second.

- Second by Chase. All those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed.

- Hold on a second. Okay, sorry.

- Motion passes, onto our guests from Economic Development and Planning.

- Okay.

- Thank you for being here.

- Thank you.

- Thanks for having us.

- [Erin] I'm Erin Roznik, I'm a design specialist in community and economic development and--

- I'm Matt Buchanan, I'm an economic development specialist. In community and economic development.

- [Erin] Yeah, so Celestine told us that you guys would like a presentation, kind of like an introduction to our department's comprehensive plan so yeah. So our comprehensive plan, we were thinking that we could present on it. I'm not sure if any of you guys have really, I mean, just in different positions you've been in, read through it or had any part in when it was created. But we can talk about that and then we can have a discussion if you'd like to, if there's anything that you guys are looking to see in there. And any other questions you have about other things we've got going on in our department, so. So I can give like a brief summary. Maybe answer some questions if you'd like. So our Smart Growth '20-22 plan, that's the name of our comprehensive plan, was adopted in 2003, I believe. So we've had it for a while and it's basically a long range plan to accommodate for growth in the city, population and land area, while also being responsible about the resources and the networks and just improving the quality of life or maintaining the quality of life. So it does have to follow state requirements for the topics that we put in there, so some of those I thought, well after looking through the plan the ones that probably relate the most to what this commission's mission is or vision, would probably be the natural resources plan, land use, transportation, parks and greenways, public utilities, just finding things in there. So some of our departments, other departments in the city, they do have more work on that. Like parks has a parks plan, so they could probably go more in depth, but since this is a comprehensive plan, we did cover all of

those topics, including like wating, utility, and infrastructure, things you might see NDPL do. So that included a long advisory committee and public engagement process too, so the city was involved in all of that and making sure that this was a plan for residents and businesses too. So what we have, we have two very big books and you can also see this on the website too. We have the analysis and conditions and concept plan and then we have the objectives and the policies, that kind of answer the questions or find priorities based on the questions that are asked in the analysis. And then we have those different plans that I talked about like we have the land use and natural resources, things like that. And then we also have district and corridor plans that go even more in-depth in that that we've done since this comp plan. So we've done stuff for University Avenue, Phelps, down by Lambeau, and we have a downtown plan. I'm probably forgetting some, but. And then the school district and the city are working on a safe routes to school plan, bike and pedestrian plan, too. So that's in the process right now. So I guess I can just give you, I don't wanna take up too much time with this but I guess I can give you, briefly, what our main goals are through this plan for some of our things. So for natural resources, it's really just, it's focus is on water actually, just because of where we're located by the bay and we have the river and then other waterways too. So it pretty much is guidance for managing wetlands floodplains, woods, and natural areas and improving the habitats for sustainable development, ecological responsibility, quality of life, and economic development. So that pretty much describes a lot of what our department does, too. Since we are in community and economic development, we work a lot with housing and economic development, the businesses, and then also a lot with the wetlands and streams too. So those talks about water resources on some of the policies that we would like to put in place to just protect some of our resources, the groundwater quality, wildlife habitat, making sure that the FEMA floodplain, that that's accurate as that gets updated, which may be coming up in a few years. And also with soil resources and erosion and since we do work in development a lot, erosional control is very important and making sure that developments around that are being responsible with that and protecting the areas where we shouldn't be building or we should have a buffer. We also have different setback requirements around wetlands and then that also plays into just general development, too. And one of the things that is in the plan is that we would like to have best management practices for water quality, well impact development, and river protection. And so then another thing that we talk a lot about is transportation, and even though that's a public works infrastructure, that's also very important because that plays into all the other departments too. So the goal for that is to have safe and efficient movement of people and goods and a variety of choices, enhanced livability and quality of life. So we do emphasize alternatives to driving or active transportation and transit because I think it's important to have more than just one mode to get around, because that's not what our residents are using. So we really do try to focus on having a more sustainable way to get around and so we try to accommodate and actually promote bicycling and pedestrian walkways. And really design the streets for those other modes of transportation. And including transit ridership and like you can see we have the bike racks on there for those like last mile trips. Just you'd take transit, but then also what happens after you get off transit. So you have an option there for more than just walking or taking paratransit. And also included in our transportation chapter is parking management, because vehicles that are parked all day, they're only being used for a small fraction of the day, so really managing that and making sure that we are not using up a lot of our valuable space with parking, but

being able to put it into better use or not taking up land and possibly green fields with that. So then, parks and greenways, I won't talk too much about this, Because parks is, they have a lot to say about that, too, our parks department. But they also want to practice ecological stewardship so some things in our plans, they talk about rails to trails a little bit. Active or inactive railroad lines becoming trails. So changing that from freight rail to pedestrian bicycling and other forms of active transportation. And then also too, like I said before, natural resources, protect natural areas with the setbacks, manage drainageways naturally, use sustainable planting to link open spaces and keep unmanaged places too. So we have our system of parks and greenways in the city but then also keeping areas that may not be manicured managed like that, and just leaving it to that and creating those links, those corridors. We also have a chapter on public utilities, so making sure that, this kind of goes hand in hand with land use, making sure that when you extend services it's in a planned, staged manner, to minimize the impacts to the natural environment. And I'll probably talk more about that with land use. So just to minimize infiltration and inflow and minimize the disturbance to our environmentally sensitive areas. And land use, this is where I probably work a lot in, their goal is to plan and regulate the pattern of land use to find a desirable balance among quality of life, property values, environmental protection, and economic development. So really that's where the title Smart Growth comes into place, and so invest in the established areas of our city instead of keeping expanding. And then be able to preserve the rural character that's already out there instead of sprawling out into those areas. And then also to forecast the population and job growth because we do realize that we will have growth and that we will need to accommodate for that but then also trying to have infill promote that and brown field development. And also promote sustainable urban development so just trying to limit unless it's a really, unless you have a case for developing outside of the urban service district. And like I said, redeveloping brown fields. And Matt works with that too.

- Yep.

- [Erin] And also transit-oriented development and really, this is regional. We work within our boundaries, but also they have inter-governmental coordination because even though we work within these boundaries, our neighbors, we need to make sure that our neighboring jurisdictions, because people live regionally, so. To accommodate for that too. That was probably a lot, but it's a comprehensive plan, so we cover a lot of different areas, but I thought that maybe those areas would relate to sustainability. It's not as much as what you see about probably the renewable energy side of it, but we do try to promote or when we do our work day-to-day, be guided by this document that says we should have more compact development and preserve the resources that we have.

- Right, kind of going off that, the comp plan obviously is a very broad, large document. And in our day-to-day work, that's kind of our guiding principles that we're trying to work within. So yeah, as Erin was saying, brown field redevelopment is a huge priority for our departments. We have EPA grants, we're applying for them every year almost. Recently, the focus has been on the more contaminated sites right along the river, because we know that's such a tremendous resource and if the federal government and local and state government already are putting so much money and effort into cleaning up that fantastic resource, it just makes so much sense to clean up other properties

along that riverfront. So with working on the shipyard, and the railyard, those are kind of our bigger targets that we're kind of going after recently. Historic preservation, too, has been another recent priority and we've got a brand new landmarks commission that we just started. We are offering a new loan to help those historic property owners make better use of those buildings and keep them functional in the long term. That is important, I think one of the more sustainable buildings out there is one that already exists rather than building a brand new one. So those are just a couple of the other day-to-day functions that we've been focusing on lately. We're happy to share more information on our day-to-day or what the comp plan looks like moving forward. It's beyond due for an update. And we'd love to work closely with you guys to figure out how that would look.

- Hi, Ned, and I have a question and a couple follow-ups. So at what point was this part of the plan or probably all a whole plan? Can you just tell us the date that this was last updated?

- [Erin] Hmm.

- It was approved initially in 2003, is that right?

- [Erin] Yeah, I'm not sure when the last update was like if it was like at the 10 year mark or something like that.

- No comprehensive update?

- No, there has been no comprehensive updates to these plans since that one.

- Yeah, the only thing I can think of is when we added the district and corridor plans to it.

- Great, okay, okay. It was good to hear about the linking open places and creating corridors. So I have a question about that, about eight years ago, my friend Nancy Mayvak and I kind of developed a project called the pollinator corridor for Green Bay. Where we put in plantings to make little island habitats for pollinating species, like bees and butterflies and whatnot. And kind of in a response to certain collapse of certain numbers of those species and we've done that here and there but we've never taken a look at the comprehensive plan of the city to say, you know, okay, where are these areas set aside for unmanaged space? One, or to create linking habitat, too. So is that something that we could at some point look at like on a map, here's where you'll find this space that the city has set aside to be unmanaged or restored to native Wisconsin plantings. Is there kind of a map that we could look at to get some idea, because there's a lot of people out there that would like to help, I guess.

- [Erin] Yeah, I guess it depends how large an area you're talking about, because that could be included in certain development. Like if we have a certain percentage that we have to keep for impervious surface or open space, so it could be like that, but if you're talking about larger corridors, it's probably in like our future parks and greenways map. And that may be on our official map and then probably the parks department has a map

like that too, where they want city parks at least but I think we have that too, I can put up for you.

- Thank you yeah, do you have, do you know if mine has, I don't remember, environmental corridors identify with that. I know that the county plan does, and maybe local plans too.

- [Erin] I'm not sure, but yeah, you make a good point. A lot of the things--

- Environmentally sensitive areas.

- Yeah. A lot of the resources are through the county, too, like when they talk about the regional corridors too. So I'm not sure if we have it for ourselves or if we would just refer to the county on that, so I'll have to see.

- Yeah, the county doesn't have jurisdiction within the city for ESA's so we defer to whatever the city defined.

- Oh, so you're just talking about ESAs?

- Yeah, ESAs are a subset of environmental corridors, but they go back to kind of what Ned was talking about, areas that are environmentally sensitive in one manner or another. Have that standpoint, what a quality standpoint.

- Or even land that was just mowed, grass that's not used right now that could be converted into an environmental habitat.

- Yeah.

- Yeah, like we have vacant property that the city or the RDA owns too and there's opportunities for that too. Those vary in size though.

- Yeah, traditionally, comp plans do have, in their existing condition section just, this is what's there. This is the land use and open space and green ways and things like that are usually identified and then usually identify opportunities for enhancing those space or creating new ones. So yeah, I think that fits in quite perfectly.

- Thank you.

- Mm-hmm.

- I'd be very curious about the timeline for developing the new one and is it gonna look largely the same, like in terms of different criteria or as the previous one, or is there room for new categories? Like energy use and things like that.

- [Erin] There's always room to add more, we just, I mean they have a list of what we need to include, but it doesn't need to be like oh you have to have this chapter end at this point. So we can always add a chapter or incorporate something that we find

important into each one. Like we were just talking about public health the other day, it's like you said, its own chapter, do we incorporate it into each of these topics? And the timeline, so really this comes into there's a lot of factors into that. Although it is time for an update and everyone agrees to that so I think we're going to be starting to figure out the format and the strategy for it this year. Probably this spring or Summer, we're going to start looking into it, because we do want it to look different. We still want a document that is comprehensive and that is detailed and that we can reference in our work for the next 20 years. But we also want it to be something that's a little bit more readable to the public. 'Cause it's heavy, it's thick, you don't really know where to find it, you really can't download all of it at one time and do a ctrl+find for what you're looking for. So it's not as easily accessible to everyone. So we want to find that balance, so we really are gonna start probably strategizing about how to do that before we really get into the content and engagement and advisory stuff. So we'll have to come back to you with that, but we think we'll probably be thinking about the format about that in the next few months.

- Okay. Great, yeah, definitely let us know how we can help, looking at other cities and their comp plans. There's some cities that take the strategy of just making sure that all of those existing components consider sustainability, other cities have standalone chapters on it, so.

- Yeah, that's a discussion we've had internally too is that should we have our own standalone chapter on sustainability or, it's almost hard to do. Because it belongs everywhere, it should be interwoven throughout every chapter so maybe that's how we handle it.

- [Erin] Yeah, if there's anything that you've seen like just on your own time or anything, you can let us know if you're like, look I think this is a practice that needs to be updated or if you see something that may be lacking or something you'd really like to see as a focus as something we talk about, or even if you have any other questions about if you think things are going the same direction as what your mission is, just let us know too.

- Yeah, and if there's things you see in other communities that we could adopt here, we'd love to hear those ideas as well.

- Great.

- Are there any other things in terms of the plan or other day to day work that you have that you can see a commission like ourselves assisting with or helping take on?

- Great question. Maybe it kind of covers brown fields and certainly, we're just discussing possibilities. Economic Development Authority kinda oversees the brown fields program, but there's no reason why we wouldn't wanna have you guys weigh in as well. And sustainable transportation options?

- [Erin] Definitely. I have a really good document from the EPA, for developing brown fields and integrating green infrastructure into them, and it came out of Detroit, 'cause they have so many.

- Yep.

- But I can share that with you as a resource. There's some really good practices, there's some really good things in that. And that's just good for places with redevelopment of places with basements and stuff too.

- We'll leave definitely a few cards for you guys. We have engaged with you today, recently, about they've selected Green Bay actually to provide some technical assistance to our community and we would love to work alongside of you guys with helping identify some priorities with how they might be able to help us. So we're still kinda early on in those conversations, but we'll be back to figure out how to move that one forward.

- [Erin] And then also I gave a presentation in this group a few months ago. It's about a green infrastructure comorbid audit. For municipalities and it's a tool and the public works department was here too, so it's definitely that we've had planning departments obviously planners like this stuff, so. I would like to come talk to you separately about that, if that's possible.

- Absolutely.

- Oh that'd be great.

- Yeah, we're so happy that actually there is a sustainability commission now. I mean as planners, this is what we're all about and so, absolutely there's no reason why conversations need to only take place in this room at this time. We're more than happy to have other kinds of conversations about our day to day work, so.

- [Erin] This decent and large department.

- Yeah please feel free to reach out to us.

- Great.

- So there's one thing I wanted to add. So Matt and Erin, they are our third department to come and talk to us and as Erin and Matt are giving information and unfortunately I was not here for Steve's presentation, Steve Grenier, the director of public works, his presentation. And I'm thinking to myself, you know, I think because the minutes are legal minutes, so they don't reflect the conversation, but we do have verbatim minutes that I can have a staff member kind of roll up and make pretty so that I can provide, if that is your desire, the members of the commission, essentially the verbatim minutes, you'll get the verbatim minutes, but it will make it look prettier than it is right now. So that you actually have a record to refer to with these staff presentations and Julia's presentation is already included in your packet. 'Cause that was a PowerPoint. So that's not something I would need to recreate. But is that something you'd be interested in?

- Yeah, sure.

- Yes, anything that's easier to read, yeah sounds good.
- Yes, yes. 'Cause I was thinking, you've brought in a lot of good information, I have a way to get that to you. Alright, I will get that done.
- Alright.
- Thanks a lot.
- Thanks, Matt and Erin.
- I'll leave these for you guys to pass around.
- Thank you.
- Appreciate it, thank you so much.
- I know where to find 'em.
- Alright.
- We're back.
- Hoisting my chair up. Alright, moving on to the next item then.
- Sorry, that is? Regular business.
- Regular business, do we need to make a motion to receive and place on file?
- I like the motion to receive and place on file as informational.
- Okay. Is there a motion to receive and place on file?
- So moved.
- There is a motion by Mark.
- Seconded.
- And a second by Essie. All those in favor say aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Alright, received and filed.
- Hold on a second. Alright, while we are waiting here, we can pull up the attachment on the next item, get that all downloaded.

- Okay.

- This is regular business?

- Yes, regular business, renewable energy work plan.

- Okay, alright, ready?

- Alright. So moving on to regular business, the renewable energy workplan. After, I guess a few months of some research, and consulting with other communities, consulting with other members of the commission and attending in some really great conferences and just in the spirit of early 2019 planning, to extend the goals that we identified at the last meeting. I wanted to put forth a renewable energy workplan that really outlines our specific next steps and the long term vision for how, as a commission, we can identify that. So you're gonna see a very big picture, I I-point plan here. I'd like to go through it and see if there's any changes and have this be kind of our guiding document. I think that it would benefit the council to see what our strategy, moving forward, would be on this, but then going out of this potential approval of this plan, I think that there are a couple action items that we can take, and immediate next steps. So with that, we can just jump into the plan. So I think that, as a commission, we identified that renewable energy and figuring out how to be 100% renewable energy at some level, whether it be municipality-wide or community-wide, was a priority that we wanted to explore. In figuring out how to do that, it seems like there are a ton of technical questions, a lot of scientific considerations, a lot of economic benefits, and also a lot of economic drawbacks. When looking at how other local communities began the process of committing to 100% renewable energy, there seemed to be extensive planning and extensive reports. So I think that this commission, first off, should just recognize that if we're to put any sort of goals, or any sort of strategy, or any sort of ordinances in front of our common council, or in front of the mayor, they would want to have some answers, so with that, I think that the first component of our renewable energy workplan, and the immediate action that we can take after today's meeting, would be to have a workgroup. I imagine Ned and myself would be a part of that, but to research and compile a whitepaper, executive report type document that outlines some of these considerations. Just so we can have the information on the how and the why and some of the more technical and like I said, economic considerations. So there are a number of things that can be included in a report like this. I put out a list right here, I don't think that that's necessarily an exhaustive list but the idea would be to take the next few months to develop a report. I think I put an ambitious deadline of April, we can see how that goes, but to have a report and then we would present it back here first for approval and then for further presentation and once it is approved here, we would put it to the common council. Now within this report, I would like to see specific policy recommendations. So if we talk about the economic long term benefits of renewable energy at the municipality level, we would wanna put in a policy recommendation to later be considered by council, which would be 100% renewable by x date for example. So that's kind of the idea of that. Following a presentation and discussion at council, I think that it would be strategic and I think it would be best to come back to the commission and to take those policy recommendations and what any discussion that

happened at council and any public feedback and to write a resolution to codify some of those ambitious or reasonable goals and then we would then, hey there we go.

- Yes, oh my gosh, so sorry yeah. For the flickering television. But for our visitors, this is what we're talking about. Okay, go ahead, sorry.

- So yeah, so basically we would present the information and recommendations to council, taking their discussion and also public feedback, we would come back and prepare a resolution to again submit to council that would identify long term goals for transitioning to renewable energy. And that leaves us, that doesn't necessarily bind us to deciding that ourselves. We can take input from the community, we can take input from other stakeholders and we can take input from the decisionmakers to do that as well. Following that, we would submit that resolution to council and then the idea would be and going off of the model of what other cities and municipalities and counties have done, you go back and you create a renewable energy action plan. Some communities call it a climate action plan, but that goes back and that actually says, okay so you created 100% by 2050, for example, benchmark. How are you actually going to get there? So that's where things get technical. And where some communities have actually brought in consultants, the good news is the public service commission for the next, I believe four years, is gonna have grant opportunities available. It's a really cool grant. Ned's actually the one that told me about it and I've heard about it from some other sources, too. It's grant money from the state that can go towards both consultants to help develop the technical plan, and/or actual infrastructure for renewable energy. So really unique that there's a grant available that can fund both, but this could potentially fund a really detailed action plan to get us to reach those benchmarks. Beyond that, I think that the next, so the first action item I'd like to recommend tonight would be the creation of this plan. We can work on that, the other thing when we talk about reaching net zero emissions, we have to use a baseline for those emissions. I think that when the UN talks about it, they talk about like 2005, other local communities like Eau Claire uses 2015, I think. We would actually need to figure out what that baseline would be and we have fantastic higher education, a couple fantastic higher education institutions in the community that could help with that. So I would like to, and I emailed Chase about this too, to see if we could approach UW Green Bay to potentially conduct a baseline greenhouse gas emissions study to be used as a reference for future carbon reduction goals. So that would be another actionable step. That wouldn't necessarily need to happen before the completion of this plan, but the sooner we get on that, the better. Beyond that, I think the rest of it is just more overarching and guiding in terms of how we can move forward on addressing renewable energy. Just codifying the fact that we plan on working with city staff to determine current levels of renewable energy versus other sources, outlines the need to partner with WPS and Ned and I have been working on setting up a meeting with them to figure it out, the utilities obviously play a huge touch. And then there's a huge, huge impact of mutual luminance, so I've also included some different things in here about potential ways to engage the community in different points in the community and I know that any measures that we pass or any things that we want the city to do should have community input, so things like making it available online or having surveys or things like that. Enlisting the help of expert organizations, Renew Wisconsin has offered to come present at some point. And yeah, it outlines potentially including energy policy in the new comprehensive plan and then identifying

other resolutions, ordinances that could happen, and then working within Brown County to work with other local governments. I was really pleased to hear that the Oneida Nations would be submitting a resolution to their tribal council in the next few months here to commit to 100% renewable energy. I keep running into Will Erikson from the DNR premium tier legacy community program. He's really excited to work with us. And as the folks from Develop, well they're not here any more, Matt mentioned the EPA has offered strategic and technical assistance to some of these initiatives. I did speak with them after the shutdown about this plan and they did offer to look at the whitepaper report that is outlined at the beginning of the plan so they can help lend their expertise to that. And the final point is just mentioning that we want to continue to find money for it. So there's a number of grants out there but there's always more projects than money available so we can just lend ourselves to working on finding the money for that. The only thing that I did not include in this plan that I think it would be appropriate for an amendment, would be recognizing the partnership with NWTC in particular. I had the opportunity on Monday to tour the new energy education center and it was awesome. And they are really committed to helping with some more technical aspects of any projects that we might take on in the future. So that's my outline. I think that amendments, questions, would be great, Julia.

- I have a question?

- Yeah. Letter A, scientific evidence, what does that mean? Are you actually looking for, what does that mean?

- Yeah, so the main argument--

- For the report.

- For the report, so what comes to mind first is the recent governmental panel on climate changes, the argument for reducing greenhouse gases. And then there's also another EPA report that made the same argument. They're giving timelines of we need to transition to renewables in 12 years, before the Earth--

- So it's the justification.

- The justification, yep.

- Okay, we also have, there's a lot of data for the midwest and then also Wisconsin.

- Great.

- 'Cause the UW of Madison has a lot of good climate science. So if you need more local science, climate science, then I can help you with that.

- That'd be great, yeah. Global stuff doesn't hit as hard as Wisconsin stuff. Did you have another question?

- I did, I'm trying to remember.

- Anybody else?

- I guess one of my thoughts, when I read through this, this looks really great and very ambitious, too. So we have these working groups basically, but there's like one or two people in a working group. So I wonder, I don't know. Shoot, I mean, to be help with this that takes away from, I don't know. I guess it's just a thought out there, how are we gonna do it all? 'Cause I mean the water resource, I mean, I think this looks great. And that's a great step, I can see the exact same thing to try to develop definitely like number one around the water resources piece too easily. I'm sure for all of our topics.

- But we don't have to do all this, right? The green tier can help things, right?

- Well, so if we just take number one, for example, we've got assistance from the EPA, we've got assistance from NWTC, potentially UW Green Bay, Wisconsin Conservation Voters has five local interns that are able to help with research. I think that members of this commission can work to find existing information and to make sure the workload isn't as much. But I think that's a very important consideration that we should be thinking about.

- I realized, when I read through it, I thought this looked really good.

- Thanks.

- So actually at this point, can our working groups be more than the commission members?

- Yeah, absolutely.

- So like you were saying.

- Figure out how to put better people in, definitely.

- Yeah, I was thinking the same thing. Can we do that? 'Cause that would be great. There's probably volunteers or people in the community who are interested and who would love to join.

- And does that entail a formal process to bring people into the mix?

- So if you are working on something and if you write something, you wanna report back to the group so then that is the formal way to notify the public of what you're doing. But certainly you can meet and talk with anyone and talk about lots of different ideas and banding things back and forth and then bringing it back to the group. I will double check that with the law department, but I think that there is no impediment there.

- Like with the report, it's very possible, I figure if we get like a team of interns working on it, we just make sure that they're credited for their time of finding the reporting.

- So question, and if I direct it toward you, Celestine.

- Okay.

- This is, so you mentioned the grant. So I worked on this last year, the grant came out in May I believe, April/May, something in that range. And that's when I began asking the city for numbers on energy use. As far as how much energy, how much gas how much electricity. All city operations worked with my alderman to try and track down some numbers and still haven't been able to, except through the park department. They came up with their data. So if we are going to pursue this plan, we need to know what's our baseline of use? And where do we go for the answers to that question?

- So if we're talking about how much gasoline is put into our vehicles, what the mileage is per gallon.

- Bless you.

- Thank you.

- What for those vehicles, if we're talking about how many kilowatt hours we use in our 20-some-odd buildings, that kind of thing?

- Yeah, streetlights, bridges, everything.

- Okay, so streetlights are more complicated.

- Do you have a framework that we can fill in?

- I'm sorry?

- Is there a framework there to fill in? You just brought up like three different things. Is there a list of things we need to find?

- So is there an inventory that needs to be created.

- Yes.

- Of municipal facilities that are using energy municipal?

- That sounds, or is that too down in the weeds? Do you just need a higher level?

- No, you don't. I agree, I think there could be buildings, right? 'Cause we've got DPW shops, the workshops, we've got this that and the other thing, we've got City Hall, obviously, buildings. And vehicles, and we've got lighting, we've got bridges and we've got other things that I haven't even mentioned. So I think an inventory to create that would be great. But if we do that, where to we go to get the answers to fill in how much?

- Right, so...

- Just a study won't do, at the university?
- No.
- It's not much different.
- How much are we paying, WPS, how much are we using?
- Can't WPS at least answer that question? Or is it in the budget, I mean, it's gotta be.
- It's in the budget, but not by usage. It's in the budget by how much we've spent. Which is not really getting at what I think you want to know.
- Yeah.
- Yes.
- So which department does that all go through? Right?
- I'm thinking.
- Nothing?
- No.
- Parks was able to pull up their numbers, so it might be that DPW has their numbers, parks has their numbers.
- See, so I'm fairly certain fire has, 'cause there's seven stations. They have their numbers.
- Transit has their numbers.
- Right.
- I mean we're all broken into departments, I would think.
- Yes, each department probably has their numbers, especially for if we do, like I said, so the buildings, the electricity, the vehicles, you know, how much gas. I'm sure that especially for the very heavily dependent departments, which are many of them, like transit, like fire, like police, like DPW, they track at least what the miles per gallon is on-
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- On their books?
- Yeah, right yeah. I'm not sure if we track that once the bus is 10 years old. I don't know, but at least as it was when it was new.

- Every day we track it out.

- Oh every day. So I think each department would have that. Streetlights, I should really know this about streetlights. But I can certainly, that's DPW. Yeah, bridge, now they're LED?

- Cool, that's the lighting?

- That's the lighting.

- That's the lift bridge.

- Right.

- I think I just spoke to about that.

- And then there's also the use of the, you know, 'cause it takes electricity or gas or whatever to lift the bridge. I think that's probably small compared to--

- Sure.

- Gas and electricity.

- Heating and cooling, that's the biggest one.

- Can we put in a request from the commission to get numbers from different departments?

- You can put in, okay. So what you would need to do and what you're alderman need to do, who is not paying attention.

- Always listening.

- People who doodle are actually--

- Yes, I am aware of that. So Alder Scannell can certainly put in communication on behalf of the sustainability commission to get information. I think you two might wanna talk a little bit to get something specific, and my suggestion to you would be to go for the low hanging fruit, the information that is easier to get than, you know.

- Or maybe ask someone we're partners with and to see what's reasonable to ask for, too.

- Yeah, that's true.

- Like some of the folks that have come in here, or parks, what's easy and accessible information? So don't look at the list and go are you kidding me?

- Right.

- That's exactly what I want.

- So I think in April, Renew Wisconsin, they're a really fantastic Wisconsin-based advocacy group and policy group for renewable energy. They're putting together a local government toolkit, they're calling it. It's kind of based on the green tier scoring grid, but it gets way more in-depth on renewable energy. So as soon as that is complete, I think it should be done by the beginning of April, but as soon as that's complete, that can be another thing to help us figure out what questions to ask. At the very least, with that. And they've also, like I said, offered to come talk to us in a few months.

- Yeah, I could have a friendly conversation with Chris Pierloc. Chris is a nice guy and Ned Gates.

- Yeah, good.

- And recognizing that some of the very city specific information might be hard to get or there might be many layers to that onion. I think that with this initial report, we don't necessarily need to get too into the weeds. If we were to pass a resolution that had some target dates, you know, x-percent by this year, you know, yadda yadda, coming back to that renewable energy plan, like the action plan, that's where that information would come in handy more so, so this doesn't need to necessarily happen in a month for us to move forward on this. Because there might be a lot of stuff to pull up and if we get money from a consultant to help do some of the legwork, that might be a little bit more expedient and efficient. And then we won't have to do it.

- So my second question was, I was wondering, this is all, maybe this has been answered in the previous, but it's all at the municipal level. Like for municipal buildings and municipal property. Are we thinking for this plan then also to incorporate how you move the community towards renewable energy, just not the--

- Mm-hmm.

- And where does that fit?

- I think this encapsulates both.

- Okay.

- And I think that, following a report on the transition, I mean the whole theme of the first report would be transitioning to renewable energy and if common council is really, really ecstatic about doing it at the municipal level but not at the community level, that might reflect our resolution. My personal opinion is we would need both and that's where I think that some of the recommendations might be. There's, Sierra Club has a list of every local government in the country that's taken stances and you see everything from like 100% at the municipal level by 2030 and then 2040 or 2050 communitywide, to

municipal and community 2050, so. I think there's a lot of different things but my take would be you've gotta do both. It's just what's the target and what's the year and what's the plan to get there.

- Did you wanna add that the NWTC?

- Yeah, I think that just saying, enlist the help and support from NWTC energy programs. For, yeah that's probably fine.

- For probably fine?

- Unless anybody has a more eloquent way of saying it? Rely on expert guidance, so. Yeah, we did this last time once we were at the end.

- What are we looking at in the businesses that worked in this area, too. Because I'm not sure that I saw that in the original draft.

- Yeah, that's true.

- But looking towards some expertise from some of our local businesses that work in the area of renewable energy?

- Yeah, and industry as well.

- Which might be right.

- Enlist the help and support.

- The help and support, sure.

- Of local industry?

- Local business and industry.

- Don't those two just go within our IO?

- You could add that to IO.

- Yeah.

- So enlist the people we are gonna work with, partner.

- Adding that to--

- So adding both of these.

- Oh to IO.

- Number 10.
- Oh sorry.
- Tribal Council, the regions, right after EPA.
- So then should be put business and industry and higher education?
- Higher education, yeah.
- That probably makes sense and then eliminate 12.
- Yep.
- Perfect.
- Business and industry)
- Should I put in industry or and?
- I don't like that, but I'll fix it.
- Cool.
- And I believe there was a mention of GB at somewhere in here.
- Was it in there, the GB? Or should I include?
- That was very specific to reaching out to them to do an emissions study, so I think it'd be fine to--
- Okay, got it that's fine.
- More broadly base them.
- Oh if we put higher education, do we need to list? I mean what if we want to see more on there or something?
- Here's what it says.
- That one I'd keep it in terms of number 10.
- Yeah, we should put it in number 10 as well.
- Yeah, you're right.
- In parenthesis, that piece was kinda, you could have ie, for example.

- **UWGB, et cetera.**
- **Well you might list a couple of specifics, because let's put eg, not ie.**
- **Eg is example, ie is a specific example you're talking about.**
- **Eg doesn't stand for example though.**
- **I'm glad you put that, I'm like oh she knows.**
- **It stands for something else.**
- **Did you want to include, is Oneida included in this?**
- **Yes it is.**
- **It is, it is?**
- **Number 10.**
- **Yes, local and tribal.**
- **Oh thank you.**
- **Yeah, and they're really excited to meet with us.**
- **For example, but it's in a different--**
- **Alright.**
- **It is like if you're saying something specific.**
- **What's the G?**
- **It's gratia, it's like Latin.**
- **Hey guys. Alright, so other amendments, thoughts, questions?**
- **I guess on the matter of semantics, I see you use the word shall a lot. Is that specific or was that pulled from other things, because shall has a certain weight in ordinance and in legal language.**
- **Does it matter in the work plan?**
- **Well if we're adopting this as a formal document, you wanna pay close attention to some of the language. You know, say shall engage in collaboration with other tribal, okay if we don't, we're not doing the thing we said we would do if we don't collaborate with them. And again, in ordinance language, it's a little bit different, so I don't know if**

this has that wight or not. I tend to avoid the use of the term shall because it means you will do it.

- I'm all in it.

- No wiggle room whatsoever and if you're not doing it, someone's gonna come back and say why aren't you doing it now?

- What would be a better term?

- May.

- May or will.

- Well will and shall are the same thing.

- I like may.

- I like April.

- Alright, so a motion to replace every appearance of the word shall with may?

- Okay.

- So there is a motion, wait wait wait.

- Oh I wasn't making that.

- No, I'm just looking at that and I was asking the question initially.

- We can adopt as amended and I'll make sure that I fix that.

- As a friendly?

- Yeah.

- It was more yeah, this plan shall be developed in consultation. Is there may, should? What weight does should hold?

- Should is the conditional of shall, if I'm not mistaken.

- Yeah yeah yeah, what's wrong with may? That's pretty wishy-washy? Which is what we want, right? I mean anything else is gonna be pretty forceful.

- What did you suggest?

- May.

- **May.**
- **We're back to may.**
- **Does may make sense for number 11?**
- **I was just gonna say that. What does it say?**
- **I like the wordsmithing part of this. Have I said that before?**
- **Yes you did. All you have to do is not even say shall, all you have to do is say the sustainability commission constantly identifies funding opportunities.**
- **More active language, there we go.**
- **Just pull out.**
- **Yes.**
- **Engages and collaborates, yeah.**
- **Yes.**
- **Yeah, I like that.**
- **So I'll fix that.**
- **Okay, cool.**
- **Thank you.**
- **Wordsmithing.**
- **I don't like could and language. Could, should, shall.**
- **It is better to always have active verbs anyway.**
- **Okay, perfect, okay.**
- **I'll fix that. Anything else on here before I take this off the screen?**
- **You can rest that eight with me.**
- **Cool.**
- **Just gimme one second to go back into. Okay, so I would need a motion to amend as discussed and then another motion to adopt.**

- Well, have we adopted this at all yet?
- No.
- So we don't need to amend it, we don't need a motion to amend it if we haven't adopted it.
- Well as discussed, so everything we just said because it was in the agenda and we're gonna make changes.
- But it was in the agenda as a working document, right? So it's got no official--
- Discussion with possible action. It wasn't put as a working document to move forward.
- Possible action.
- True.
- And discussion.
- And discussion, yeah. I think if we just adopt as is.
- No, adopt with--
- Adopt with the discussion.
- Exactly, adaption. Adopt as is. I mean we've got it as is.
- She's still gonna make it though.
- She still has to make changes, though to the shalls.
- So here's the problem. So this is going out to the public like that, right? And when the minutes reflect that we made changes, the minutes need, the document needs to change for the minutes. If we don't change it, then we haven't signaled to the public that we've made a change if we don't amend it.
- Right, so I make a motion to adopt with the changes that we discussed?
- There is a motion by Julia, is there a second?
- Second.
- Second by Randy, all those in favor say aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed?

- Gimme one second. Okay.
- Alright, motion carries.
- Can I just ask a clarifying question? So when this goes to the next council meeting and the council approves our agenda, approves this, this is then accepted as our working plan, right?
- Correct.
- That is correct.
- Right, and like you're saying, then we can continually amend it if we need to, and send it back to council.
- Mm-hmm. For a nickel.
- Also within the next item, I did add, so this is the goals grid that we had talked about last time. I did add an additional column to reflect any other--
- Now we need to approve it.
- So yeah, we will need to approve it. So is there a motion to approve?
- What was the extra column?
- Reflecting the additional documents. So renewable energy workplan. We have to approve the workplan?
- Yep.
- What were we doing?
- We amended it, motion to amend and now we need to adopt it as amended.
- Okay.
- Adopt with the amended discussion.
- Okay, so wait, sorry sorry.
- We wrapped it up, two for one.
- Hold on.
- Okay, now we are going to move--

- Are we ready to go to the next item?
- Yeah, so I guess with--
- That chart you were looking at was that in the packet?
- That's an update from sustainability commission workgroups.
- But then we go back to the agenda for?
- Yes, back to the agenda with that. So are we good to move on?
- Yes, we are on update from sustainability commission workers.
- Alright, so now we have an informational item on here for anybody to update on any of the things that have happened in the last month related to the goals that we discussed. Are there any updates with the group?
- I met with some folks at UWGB to discuss ecological restoration work. That's the bottom working group down there. They wanted to discuss kinda the history of the pollinator corridor project and how to kind of reinvigorate it, move it forward a little bit and see what other groups might want to join in as far as creating island habitat for pollinating species and it was folks from GB and from the local, the Green Bay chapter of the Wild Ones.
- Can I ask who you met with from UW Green Bay?
- Sure, I'll just pull it up for all of us. This was with Bobby Webster and, got a million emails here, I'm trying to find one with everybody on it. This was with Holly Keener, and John Keener, her husband. They're both active in kind of the realm of sustainability, Amy Wolf, another one. And then Ceci Keefer from Green Bay Wild Ones. So Bobby Webster's natural area is ecologist at UWGB. Holly Keener is the assistant to Provost. And her husband's the environmental manager at Sterling Lumber Company. Did I mention everybody? Okay, Amy Wolf, professor.
- Conservation of Biology.
- Thank you. So yeah they were all very, kinda gung ho about getting some more plantings done, looking at spaces in the city and in the county and maybe trying to do a connection between NWTC and GB that kinda crosses the whole city. When we started the corridor project, we looked at putting in habitats no further than half a mile apart. We were looking at that because we were looking at honeybee range and what's kind of a good, efficient range for honeybees. And that's not even a native pollinator, but you know, it's something that a lot of people are interested in. So it was good to organize, we're gonna kinda create a new map of where things currently are and then kinda decide, you know, where do we wanna invest some time and work and how could this group, how could this sustainability commission help in promoting that work or having people come in and talk about some of the ecological restoration work that they're

doing in the city or in the county as well. So it was a good meeting, we're gonna get back together in March. The folks had some questions about could they adopt certain areas to take care of, how do we do stormwater retention pond, vegetation management in the city. And just had some good questions, I guess, about city operations about how do we as a city promote pollinating species. So yeah, it was a good meeting and hopefully we can even have, in the future maybe, somebody come in and talk about some of the work they're doing, as far as doing ecological restoration. Yeah, it was good.

- Great, any questions for Ned? Alright, any other updates from folks on initiatives?

- Well, Seth helped us set up a meeting or kind of a dovetail meeting with Joshua, which is an environmental taskforce and it snowed,so.

- So much for the environmental task force.

- Yeah, so it has been rescheduled for the 27th and we're just trying to get the word out about it. And it'd be a good chance for people to come and listen and ask questions and give input as to what sustainability means to them and what maybe they'd like to see the city do. All kinds of things probably will come up.

- There's a Facebook event that Casey put together, correct?

- I think Rachel from Joshua, yeah.

- Rachel did, yep. Was that sent to everybody? Yeah, so we could do that after.

- I don't think I--

- it was just, so this was mostly for the planning for our greater community forum on that, but they're trying to get representatives from all sorts of groups, so. You didn't get that, Randy? You should be getting it.

- I don't think I got it.

- They don't like you then.

- I guess not.

- We can get that shared, if folks'd like.

- It'd be shared from Facebook, right?

- Yeah, it's on Facebook, Joshua and that all.

- Not too many of us can go right?

- Yeah, yeah.

- We don't want a quorum. We don't want a quorum.

- I'm not gonna go.

- I'm not gonna go either.

- Well we could public notice it.

- Yes, you would have to give me some notice though, if you're all gonna go. And if you all could show up, then it's best to notice it. And it's really not a problem to notice it. I just need you to notice me.

- So a lot of the meeting on the 27th will just be to plan a bigger listening session. So since the planning meeting got snowed out this'll just be, they're trying to get a lot of different orgs to come help with the planning and the advertisement of the event so I think that the actual listening session that they do conduct would be more beneficial to go to but if you show up, I know Rachel, she's gonna make you do something, so.

- Yeah, no I'm familiar with Joshua. It's a group of faith-based organizations that work toward different social justice projects, I guess you could say.

- Any other updates or anything else?

- I have reached out to Schreiber because they are one of these companies that try to run a sustainable business, that's the word, and they do a zero waste and I'm not really sure what else they do, but they have that nature area outside. So if anyone's interested in joining me tomorrow, Colleen Girch, she's like the director of sustainability and environment at the company and I just thought we'd just talk and let her know about our group and see how they did that, maybe she could come talk, I don't know. So not sure where it's gonna go, but it sounds like a great company. That their website is pretty good.

- Cool. I talked to Schreiber a couple of years ago about their waste, their solid waste recycling and garbage side of things.

- Is there waste recycling is that it or is it--

- well that was just what they generate at that facility, the one downtown, and they're looking at how to recycle the materials they had and looking at how to deal with organics in an effective manner and getting rid of the plastics within the facility and things like that, so. I should look back and see who the guy was that I talked to. It wasn't the woman you mentioned. I think I can pull his name up here. It's been a couple of years. They were frustrated because they wanted to be able to recycle used bags that are recyclable as part of the garbage collection. And there aren't any out there, there really weren't. Well they kept on, the companies they were talking to, kept sending them back to basically yard waste bags and said use these. And they didn't meet their requirements. 'Cause there's a paper mill in town on the east side that does make bags

for composting and for food waste that they sell in Canada, they don't sell them in the US though.

- Garbage bags, you mean plastic recycling?

- No no, these are paper. Everything's paper, but that's part of it, is trying to find a bag that is a paper bag that is sturdy enough that it won't break down if it has some liquid in it, but yet is still recyclable or compostable in this case. Plastic compostable bags are somewhat of a misnomer from what I understand, talking to UW Oshkosh about their program. They have quite a few of them that make it through their internal digester without breaking down. He said they were looking at other options.

- Yeah, so what's the best choice at the store here?

- Plastic bags?

- No, plastic bags are definitely not the best choice in any way, shape, or form.

- Though a few grocery stores collect them, I wonder what they do with them?

- They turn them into furniture. They primarily sell them to a company called Trex, T-r-e-x. 'Cause it makes plastic lumber. They take plastic bags that are made out of what's called low density polyethylene, and so there's a low, it's a fairly lightweight... One class I failed in college was chemistry, someone asks me, oh what about this? In general, they're trying to densify it and make it into lumber, which they can't do with other products very well because there's a much more readily available market for other things. And high density polyethylene is what milk jugs and laundry jugs are made out of and those are very readily recyclable, everywhere. Curbside, easy to do. But plastic bags aren't so they developed this market niche for using them.

- That just means make the plastic bags heavier.

- Yeah, that, whoo. There are a lots of other issues with plastic bags that we don't have the time to get into. They're the biggest headache we have as a recycling system, and that's true nationwide.

- Unfortunately in Wisconsin, local communities are prohibited, there's a ban on ban on plastic bags.

- Oh really?

- There's a ban ban.

- It's actually called a ban on auxiliary containers. So you can't ban styrofoam containers in restaurants, you can't ban plastic bags. That was passed 2016.

- Yep.

- A ban ban.
- A ban on bans.
- A ban ban. We need a ban ban ban, is what we really need.
- Bam-bam. You remember Bam-bam?
- Any other updates for the group?
- I don't have an update, but I think after seeing your workplan that's really helpful for me, actually. 'Cause I could probably come up with something like that more or less and then that'll help kinda like figure out how we can move things forward in this group, like in this chart.
- You can't use it.
- I'll just copy and paste it and put water resources on top.
- There you go.
- No, so and then also there is a day in our storm water planning grant that, the application's due in April, so it would be nice to try to work with public works but also the planning department on maybe trying to figure out how to fund a green infrastructure code audit. So if they're willing, I don't know if Steve Grenear is willing to do.
- That's something we should probably talk about.
- Pretty soon.
- Yeah, we should. Let's talk afterwards, I think today.
- Oh okay, it's really bringing planning.
- Okay.
- Awesome, great.
- Alright, anybody else with updates? Alright, we'll keep this on the agenda monthly. So if you have non action items, you can always report back from any meetings or updates and then just a reminder, if any of your meetings or things like that require action, to just request ahead of the deadline, so. Cool. Well I guess.
- Motion to adjourn.
- There's a motion to adjourn.

- Second.
- Alright, all those in favor?
- Aye.
- Opposed.
- Wait wait wait.
- Randy and Essie.
- Randy and Essie, thank you, Randy and Essie. Randy, Essie.
- Leave the meeting, leave the meeting.
- I know, I know.
- I think you missed one.
- Okay. Yeah, sweet. No one is staying.
- Thank you.
- Thank you.
- We had five puns tonight, friend.