MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, 5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

1. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

1. Chair- Seth Hoffmeister; Vice Chair-Ned Dorff; Alder Randy Scannell; John Arendt; Stephanie Dodge; Amy Kox; Kaurie Mihm-PRF; Julia Noordyk; Mark Walter.

Present: Randy Scannell, Seth Hoffmeister, John Arendt, Julia Noordyk, Kaurie Mihm, Ned Dorff,
Excused: Mark Walter, Stephanie Dodge, Amy Kox

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

1. Approval of the Sustainability Commission meeting agenda for February 17, 2022.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ned Dorff to approve the agenda.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Randy Scannell, Ned Dorff, Seth Hoffmeister, Julia Noordyk, John Arendt, Kaurie Mihm, No- None, Abstain- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of minutes from January 19, 2022.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ned Dorff to approve minutes of January 19, 2022.
Motion .
Yes- None, No- None, Abstain- None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Discussion of 2022 Sustainability Commission Work Plan and with possible action to approve the annual work plan.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Professor John Arendt to approve the 2022 Sustainability Commission as amended and present the work plan to the Common Council.

Motion Passed.
Yes- Randy Scannell, Ned Dorff, Seth Hoffmeister, Julia Noordyk, John Arendt, Kaurie Mihm, No- None, Abstain- None.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Staff update re: Pesticide Policy for City Operations

2. Work Group Updates

3. Resiliency Coordinator Update

4. Other Member Updates

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ned Dorff, seconded by Julia Noordyk to adjourn.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Randy Scannell, Ned Dorff, Seth Hoffmeister, Julia Noordyk, John Arendt, Kaurie Mihm, No- None, Abstain- None.

VERBATIM MINUTES

All right, Item B, roll call. Chair Seth, I am here. Vice-chair, Ned?

- Present.

- All right, and Alder Randy?

- [Randy] Here.

- And we've got John.

- Present.

- And Stephanie is excused. Amy is excused. Kaurie?

- Present.

- [Seth] Julia?

- [Julia] Present.

- And Mark is also excused. And then, thank you to Alders Steuer and Dorff for joining us, and Parks Director Ditscheit. We'll move onto approval of the agenda for today's meeting, is there a motion?

- All moved.

- [Seth] Aye, Alder Randy, is there a second? By John. Al those in favor, say "Aye".

- [All] Aye.

- All those opposed say "Nay". All right, that passes. Onto approval of the minutes from last month, January 19th. Is there a motion?

- Move to approve the minutes.

- By Randy. Is there a second.

- [Ned] Second, and I have a question.

- All right, so there's a second. And then, open the floor for questions. Ned.

- Just real quick, I read through the minutes, really detailed. Is that what the alders got last week? Or did get, or two weeks ago, I should say. Since we had our meeting, and then they had their meeting a couple of weeks ago. Do they get a detailed account like we get? Or, do they get kind of the bare bones?

- We don't always seem to get a... Maybe, I'm just missing something. But, some of these, some of the committees don't report out. Anyway, go ahead, Art.

- Who's the chair.

- [Seth] I'm the chair, thanks, and Alder Dorff.

- Thank you. We would have to go out to City Clerk, and on the City Clerk web. We would have to purposefully go into the meeting. And then, we would have to click on it. And we would have to watch it. And so there, no. No, no, we don't. And Alder Steuer was right. We don't get report outs of the Sustainability Commission. Well, we kind of, it's kind of on the agenda. But it's not like deeply detailed, is it Randy?

- Well, we haven't been reporting a lot out. But yeah, we get the reports out. I mean, it's on the agenda.

- We get the little bitty, yeah. Yeah.

- Melissa?

- As staff person, I would like to say something about that. A staff person and the person that manages the Civic Clerk. The direction I was given when I came onboard, and did the minutes and everything, is we report out on action items. If it is general information, and informational-only item, it is not reported out. So, some months, if there has not been an action item, there's nothing to report out. However, those meetings are all fully recorded, and everything is public information, based on what you find on the city's website.

- My question just came from, thanks, Melissa. The matrix, we had that robust discussion on the matrix. I just didn't know what City Council could see. I attended that meeting. I looked at the Council packet. And from what I could see, it just had the draft that we brought to Sustainability. And not the notes that you took last time we met. I just wasn't sure if they got to see the fully-annotated grid.

- They got the draft because this meeting is the meeting to, with the fuller, more-robust work plan. Based on the feedback that we discussed in the past meeting.

- Okay, so that one.

- Nothing has gone, since the Sustainability Commission has not approved that work plan.

- Because we held it over. Okay. Cool. Thank you, I appreciate the explanation on that. I don't have more questions, Chair.

- Chair, Seth? I just, I certainly don't want anyone to think that I am criticizing any staff for anything that they have done. Absolutely not. No, not at all. We as alders, should be responsible enough to go on to Civic Clerk Web, and to watch the meetings, or to read the meetings. This is an important committee. And I again, I'm grateful to Alder Steuer for bringing that forward. Because it would of helped me at the meeting last night, if I had more information, but it was my responsibility to have that information. I didn't have it, because of me. So, I don't blame anything on staff, okay? Thank you.

- [Seth] Awesome.

- [Randy] I can blame it all on you.

- Sure. I was just going to add to what Alder Dorff said. We had a long, long discussion about GI yesterday. And the merits and such. I think a lot of the alders were just unsure of how to vault, or how to move forward. They think it's important, but they're not sure of all the details that are entailed with it. Even myself. But it got to the point where some people were testifying. And depending on who was testifying better, it seemed like it swayed a little bit that way. I just saying that for the future, whether it's GI, or other sustainable documents, or initiatives, it would be good for us as alders to have more information, or at least the links, or contacts, that we can look up. That we can make some good, informed decisions. This is the point , verification, did not come from our commission.

- Oh okay, you're right. Well you know, you're right. But I think with sustainability, it covers a broad base. I think there's, there's gonna be all sorts of directives over time that we're gonna be voting on or looking at. Maybe it's not exactly, it's public works, and such. But, there's certain things with sustainability, or ecology, or what have you, that will overlap a little bit. I think it's good for us to

know as much as we can.

- Definitely. Thanks, Alder. And I just wanna remind folks the motion is to approve the minutes. And the question was about what is in the information packet. So, anything else? I think we have plenty to talk about later. About the excitement of the last few meetings. And also, looking forward at our work plan. Anything else on the main motion? All right. All those in-

- Who initiated that motion?

- I think that was Randy and Ned. All right. All those in favor, say "Aye".

- [Group] Aye, aye, aye.

- [Seth] All those opposed say "Nay". All right, good deal. And now, we will move on to regular business. Discussion of our Sustainability Commission Work Plan for this year. With possible action to approve. So contacts, if folks wanna bring this up on their screens, or if you already have it in front of you, that's great. This is-

- I can attempt to share a screen.

- [Seth] Would that be helpful? All right.

- I will give that a shoot.

- Cool, while you're doing that, so just context, this is the second draft of the planning document. The work plan that lays out some of our primary goals. Some actions we wanna take, and just some delegations of tasks, target dates, et cetera. This isn't a policy proposal per se, this is an organizational tool to help us do our better work. Since at two, and I think this was what you were alluding to, Ned. At the last two council meetings ago, there was some questions about our incomplete draft. I thought it would be helpful to add a little bit more up top about the purpose of this document. So that was the context of the conversation the last time. But I wanted to make sure that it was just in writing, that this work plan is not a policy proposal with data, budget projections, things like that, that are all very important. But rather a tool to focus our work. And to provide transparency to Council, Mayor, city staff, and the citizens that we are doing work on behalf of. So that, you will find is new. But yeah, based on our discussion, there are a number of edits. I have also added this process bit. And then, we have added notes on climate resilience, ecological restoration. I have Mark's waste reduction things. And then I added general goals, and principles for each issue area. Which was a product of the discussion. Why don't we just go through item-by-item again. If that would be helpful for folks. So purpose of the document. Does anybody, whoop, my zoom is, all right. Does anybody have any questions, comments, concerns about the first paragraph addition, the purpose of the document? All right and then, moving onto the process. I noticed when we started meeting, the nature of the Advisory Commission, Citizen Commissions, do we have Keith? Do we have the ability to pass policies ourselves? I know that's always a little bit confusing. I think there are times in Council where, folks are wondering what we're doing. I think just again, for transparency, for both our work on the Council, or on the Commission, but then, for everybody else involved, we wanted to lay out how, this is "Schoolhouse Rock." How a bill becomes a law. We're gonna do a lot of the work. We're gonna develop actions, proposals. Things will go to Committee, or other commissions, before going to Council for final approval. I think there are some principles that we

want to make sure that we are grounding our work in. Having things be data driven. There is a ton of data out there about everything that we're doing. And we have a lot of experts on this Commission that know a lot of the science and the data. And I think that's a really important principle to stay grounded in for all of our work. Additionally, we realize that, as an advisory commission, we're not necessarily overflowing with funds. Anything that we're proposing, the Council should be mindful of city staff capacity, of budgets. And again, we defer to Council for final approval. But when we bring recommendations, we want to make sure that they're being financially responsible and promote economic development, et cetera. Kind of those principles recognize the core of sustainability, which is social, the social good, the economic good, and the environmental good. And then just really, I think as Alder Steuer, and Alder Dorff pointed out, that asking questions, coming to this Commission, we really, really want that input, that feedback, those questions. So any questions about the process? Which is an addition to last month's draft. All right. Clean energy, we didn't have a lot of additional feedback, or input from last time. So this was unchanged from then. Do we feel good about moving on there? All right. And then, climate resilience, again, we had a really great discussion about that. This reflected our discussion. Does anybody have any questions about that? Or input, suggestions, et cetera?

- Seth, I do.

- Yeah?

- I think this is where Council last night, was seeking probably some more input regarding the effects of green infrastructure on, having resilient communities, and flood control, flood present, flood prevention. This might be an area where we need to put together some research for council this year. Certainly, I think Julia would be our, our best resource for that. So I don't know if she would like to speak to that at all. But, it was pretty clear last night that Council has a lot of questions when it comes to how do we use green infrastructure.

- Yeah, great point, Ned.

- [Woman] Can I?

- Julia, and then Melissa.

- I attended the city council meeting, the one prior. The intent when I was there, was I was supposed to speak. But just the confusion of not, there wasn't an official public comment period. Or, I didn't really know how to do that properly. And I wasn't invited to speak. So we missed that opportunity in that time. But the best for me is to be, and I feel, maybe this is relevant to all of us. To be invited, if there is a specific topic to a council meeting that is gonna be addressed, that we as a Sustainability Member, are invited officially to have a, to at least speak at some point.

- If I may, if you're ever there, let me know. And I can open the floor. I had no idea that you were there.

- Yeah.

- That's all. And then by the time I realized what was happening, it was over, it was too late, you had moved on. And I honestly just didn't know the official procedures to like butt in. And I can't chat you.

Like "I'm here." I didn't know what the most appropriate thing would had been to. I guess it came up last night, too. I'm happy to even just address questions tonight, or separately on, in a meeting. I don't know. So, yes.

- I was gonna mention something to Julia. A lot of times there are groups that come before Council, and they'll give a presentation, a PowerPoint, or what have you, on different things. Normally, they'll go through the Mayor's office, to get on the agenda. Or clerk's office. You might want to talk to someone in the Mayor's office. They put the agenda together. So, do you have another idea on that? Because sometimes we'll, they'll ask, you know, the Mayor orchestrates the meeting. So, if you're on the docket, there's like, Julia Noordyk is gonna speak on such-and-such, and then you're there. You're on the docket, rather than having to wheel and deal, and try to get in at another part of the meeting.

- I think, like, I mean. One thing, for me, just because of my position, too, I do need to, it would really be, I really should be invited to speak. 'Cause I'm not a member, I'm not really representing just a member of the public on this. And then, I don't know how it is with commission members in general. It all came together kind of last minute. So it sounds like it came up again. The issues came up again, last night. And I feel like when I heard the conversation during that, the two meetings ago. There was just a lot of misconceptions being. I thought the Director, Greiner, did a really great job trying to lay things out, and I do think that there's just been some misconceptions about what green infrastructure is, and what it isn't. And then, how the best approach is for the city to move forward on it. I don't know. I'm more than willing to meet with anyone separately, or come to a Council meeting. If I can do a little mini presentation, if I know exactly what questions are being asked, those kind of things, too. To be honest, you have the science, based on what the Public Works Department has put together. So I can just kind of explain more in plain language, what their approach is, and why that is probably the most appropriate way to, because it's comparable to what other communities are doing.

- Well Julie, last night Ned Dorff was at the meeting, and we opened the floor and he spoke. He's used to it, he understands that. So I'm saying, you could of come to the meeting, as well. If you were at the meeting, we would open the floor, and then anybody can speak at that time. Oh, well.

- It's okay, I don't think, is it too late?

- Yeah, it's too late.

- Is there something, Chair? This is Alder Dorff.

- In response to Julia, otherwise Melissa, Ned, and Stack next.

- Okay, it was in response to Julia, but go ahead.

- Oh yeah, then go ahead.

- Oh, okay. Julia, first of all, Alder Scannell is your representative on this commission. Anytime that you wanna speak, you just need to let him know that. If you don't have a mom on council that you can text, and say, "Could you please let me know that, "I'd like to speak." You don't have that, but you could text me anyway. And I'll give you my phone number. But yes, you just have to let

somebody know. And then, we will definitely open the floor. And, Julia, it is, I don't believe it isn't too late. I don't believe it is. Yes, I know it was voted down. We still have ARPA funds out there. Yes I know, that was technically voted down. However, whatever, hm? Yeah, motion to rescind the actions of council.

- Yeah.

- [Man] Kind of the right now.

- So I don't think it might, I'm serious. I would go to bat for it. But, it could not be the disaster it was last night. It was an absolute disaster. So, there has to be a plan, that put together. And unfortunately, we have to have that ARPA stuff, I think we only have six weeks. I don't know. We are six weeks, I talked to Director Greiner about it this morning. He gave me this timeline for when they have to put projects out for bid. I don't think you guys could come up with it that fast. But I will tell you, it is not too late. But it's also not too late for the general budget for 2023. Let's really go to work on it. And anytime, anybody wants to get to speak. You just get a hold of Ned, and he'll text me.

- Yeah, I didn't know. To be honest with you, I know, sorry Melissa. I didn't know texting was allowed, either. But I only had one, two people. And I was like I can't text, I didn't know that would be allowed, either, to. Anyway, go ahead, sorry, Melissa.

- Okay, so I just do want everyone to know for the record. I invited Julia to the Council Meeting, where those ARPA request funds were being discussed. And she even filled out an online public comment thing through the city's website. I alerted the Clerk. So there were procedures followed. For some reason, it just didn't happen. It fell through the cracks, or something. I'm not really sure why the floor was not opened, or the public was not recognized at that time.

- The Clerk doesn't have much to do with it, quite honestly.

- If there's a form filled out, the Clerk, if that goes to the Clerk, the Clerk should notify that there's people in the room wanting to speak.

- Yeah, but to be fair to that, 'cause I was gone all day, and I came in a half an hour late to your meeting. And, that's when I filled out form. I started filling out the form when I realized that no one knew where I, that I was even there. And I was like, oh my gosh, they might, because I didn't have a chance to do it earlier in the day.

- The other thing I wanted to make mention of, I know this is going back, and I don't wanna rehash things. But, in that ARPA memo, that I wrote along with Director Grenier, and Matt Heckenlibel for the ARPA request. There was probably seven or eight different reference materials included with that memo. From EPA, D&R, a lot of different cases studies that have been done on green infrastructure. There's education material there. People need to read what they are given. And we are not making this stuff up. There's a lot of great data out there that other cities have followed, other counties have followed. Cities much smaller than the City of Green Bay. That's where I'm gonna leave it at now. But I do wanna say that staff has done a lot of work with supplying information. As well as Julia Noordyk, maybe two years ago, gave a presentation to Council on green infrastructure. And on the green infrastructure code audit that the city has undertaken since then.

- I would just say if it isn't, I'm still happy to come. To be honest with you, I would probably, again like I said, and Melissa just reiterated it. That, all the information is there. If you need someone to come give a 10 minute presentation about what's in there, tell them like in plain language about. And have someone answer questions. I'm happy to still do that. I'm absolutely more than happy to provide that.

- We got Ned, and then I'm gonna .

- I just wanted to say, you can also use the raise the hand signal. That's another way to get attention on these meetings. But Melissa and Julia have done a ton of work over the last two years, getting things to Council. Thank you to both of you. I think Council last night was looking at Steve, to give some answers about what specifically the GI lines were for Van Buren Street. What exactly was gonna be put in? And what the data would be? And I don't know that he had, maybe understood that was what they were looking for, possibly.

- I think it's like the wrong question that Council was asking. And the whole purpose of what those projects are really doing. Those projects are pilot projects, where it's completely appropriate, so that the Public Works Department can learn how to design, and the effectiveness of those types of practices. And then that in the future, will lead to better design which will reduce, operate cost of construction, and operation of maintenance cost. And it's completely, and then, green infrastructure, itself, is very, very site specific. And so yes, it can help mitigate flooding. But not in every single case. And it's not gonna solve all of Green Bay's flood problems, either. Green infrastructure cost a lot of money, too. It's also very site-specific. But this is very much like the technology, as proven. But, it's very site specific, so it's very appropriate that the Public Works would move forward, and learn how to design it. And be able to maintain it themselves for long-term saving, cost savings.

- My question here then, so, Julia, you presented to Council in the past, on a lot of the green infrastructure. Melissa included seven, or so, studies within the proposal packet to go to committee. Two weeks ago, our incomplete work plan was recognized for not being data driven. And at both of the last two meetings, we had questions about the data. If there's attention being paid to incomplete work plan, was the same level of scrutiny given to the data that was presented both in Melissa's report, or were there actual questions asked when Julia presented. I know when John, and Melissa, and I spoke about the energy data, it was, John and Melissa did a great job with the technical stuff. But there was crickets in the room. So, when we are giving data, is that information being utilized? Because I was hearing a lot of questions at the last two meetings that there wasn't the data. But it seems that the data is being presented, and it's not being looked at, or it's not being presented on. I don't know if we need to answer that question, but that's just a little bit of food for thought. Alder Randy?

- Just one more thing, too. I think for Council, it's not only in the specifics here, but there was a lot of hammering, especially by Alder Johnson, and a few others. They want a bigger picture. They wanna have a concept of where we're going. And, I don't know, I tried to deal-

- That was, yeah, I hear that also, two meetings ago, also. And so, my response is that we have to do both. At the same time. We have to start with these demonstration projects and get things going. 'Cause they take years. This all takes years. And then yes, we need to do better, more planning around green infrastructure, in general. But right now, our community is going under, Melissa's responsible for a climate resilience plan. And a flood resilience plan. Or a climate action plan, and a

flood resilience plan. There's only so many things you can do at once. But to start thinking about, and getting the implementation of the practices, so they can be more efficient. And where they might go appropriately in the city, is like a very normal start to how you. There's many ways to get to where we need to go. And we need to start them. Basically.

- Ned, and then Alder Steuer.

- Based on what Julia has been saying, I'd like to propose that we put an action item in. In our grid. Underneath the actions for climate resilience. And that being that we propose pilot projects for the City Council to take up, regarding green infrastructure.

- And that, it's around we have done some basic green infrastructure, quote analysis, if you remember. We had a grad student help with us. There's been another grad student helping with the forestry. The forestry folks to look at urban canopy. So, we have some resources if that's. It's just how many directions can we go at once, is really the illuminating factor.

- I propose one pilot project. Would that be doable, Julia, this year?

- No, I think the pilot projects are a great idea. Sorry, Ned. I was talking about more of the planning, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

- Oh, okay.

- Ned, can you, the way you said it was great. But, I didn't have track changes on my draft. Can you repeat proposed pilot projects to-

- Proposed green infrastructure pilot project, send it to Council. As one of our action steps in the climate resilience grid.

- I would go with what Public Works proposed. They put a lot of work into that. If it's the two projects, it's the two projects we're talking about, right? The two street projects?

- Yeah, the Van Buren one failed last night. The storm water pond at Seymour passed last night. I can't remember what was, was there anything else last night?

- A lot, Alder Dorff.

- Yes, both street projects failed. The storm water had passed prior to that. And when you're done, then I have another possible comment. I'll wait, though.

- And then Ned to your point, then I wrote, proposed green infrastructure pilot projects to Council in collaboration with Public Works, since they'll really be owning the work. Does that sound good to add to everybody? I'm seeing some nods. Cool. And the thumb, cool. Alder Steuer, you were-

- No, just the comment I wanted to make was, the Council at many times were looking at projects, and such, and it comes home at cost. Comes under bonding, comes down to the number of elements that way, and that seems to be the bottom line. So, with that being said, certain projects that come out there, we need to know the cost benefit analysis, so that, is this gonna be proficient for the city,

or not? A lot of times it comes down to that bottom line, which is the budget. If we can work that in somehow and make it cost effective, et cetera, et cetera, then I'd say we're on the right track.

- All right. I'm glad I added that bit to the top then about fiscal impact. Alder Dorff?

- Thank you. So more seriously about the possibility of reconsideration. I know there were two alders that probably came into that meeting last night, intending to vote for the green infrastructure. And the result, as a result of the conversation that happened, neither one of them did. And I know we do have our normal process of reconsideration. And I do think that could be a possibility. But, they would need to have support from this group. They would need to have the data that was being asked for. I had thought that flooding prevention was a reason for green infrastructure. We were told that the meeting last night, by Director Greiner, that it was not. And I think, though, he was maybe just referring to those two projects. But I did ask the broad question. I had a discussion with Director Greiner, today. In which he said, I needed to tell you that you were right. And it does provide flood mitigation. So he has changed his position from last night. The data that we would need, would be what, probably what you provided, but nobody understands it. It's out of context. We're not you guys. You guys are smart about this stuff. I don't know enough about it. And others know way less. Is there any, the only time we can reconsider, is at the very next meeting, or the same meeting. That's the only time. So if I were to approach either of these people, and asked them to do that, what can you do to help? That would be my question, because I wouldn't want to go to them without saying, "Here's your support package for this." And Alder Scannell, you look confused. But I hope, you're good with what I'm saying? Alder Steuer, you're good with what I'm saying? Okay. Okay, all right. So, I'll shut up, and you, what can you do to help?

- Awesome. Melissa?

- I have a question, for data, these projects, now, we do have one project that we have some modeling data on, and it's not one that we've discussed so far, because we're applying for, I'm in the process of applying for a grant for it, on Eliza Street. But the other projects are not fully designed yet. So we don't have the total suspended salary reductions calculated. We don't have the runoff reductions calculated, or the phosphorus reductions. Is that the data they're looking for? Or, what is the data that they're looking for?

- Can I answer. What I believe, and any other alder can chime in, too. What I was hearing last night is, you want us to invest money in completely un-approving projects. Show us that these have worked somewhere. There must be data somewhere. There must be something you can tell us, that we're just not investing it, because we hope that this might help. Now, I understand now that more of the reason was around pollution, and preventing pollution, but it was presented originally as flood mitigation, and that's what we were hanging our hats on. And then it was a bust, they we kind of looked like idiots last night, because we were told no, it doesn't have anything to do with that. And we're really, the good thing that happened, was the explanation about how it helps with the pollutants, and that it begets, that keeps them out of the ground water. But there's still. They want data. It says if we invest the taxpayer's money in this project, what will we get back that will make it worth the money we're investing? Alders? Nod your head if you think that's what they were saying.

- Well yeah, to a point. I think a lot of people are interested in this GI, I really do. I think they're, we're just, I think we're just at a threshold, trying to figure out, okay, is there a project out there that'll work? It's like anything else, it's like show me. And I realize that you were saying that it's gonna

take some time before these projects really come, that you really can tell if they're effective, or not. We looked at all things, like types, we were talking about Colburn Park. Putting in a parking lot. And we were talking about using green infrastructure-type asphalt. Like I said, there's different materials out there. So I think over time, if we can be educated to other ways of doing some green-type initiatives, or projects, and the cost might be fairly equitable that way, I'm all for it. We just need to get a taste, or a feel for. And I think we're all in a transitional stage right now. It's not like we're totally ignorant, but we're not totally educated yet, either. I'm somewhere in the middle, but I'm definitely willing to listen. And I'll chip in and help where I can.

- And may I say that, probably the only thing that would work, would be if we picked one of the projects that was voted down. I don't think we should go for both of them. I truly don't. But, if we picked one of them that was voted down, and tried to get any information about data that would support that type of project, anywhere. We're not talking about data here. We didn't do the project yet here. But we're talking about data anywhere. What, one of those two projects, is the only thing we can really reconsider.

- Julia, and then Alder Randy.

- I'm happy to work with Melissa after this. And if you think it would be helpful to do a shorter presentation based on what might help give a better, bigger picture, how this fits into the bigger picture, and then, also the direct benefits from this particular project in terms of water quality, and quantity issues that it could address, I would be happy to do that.

- You think, you could put this as an action item on this agenda. Sustainability can come before we get to Finance. And then, we could move to reconsider, right?

- When is the meeting?

- The meeting will be in two weeks. Yeah, that's it. If it can't be done, fine, let's wait a year. I was just throwing out a little thread of hope. And maybe, that's just not realistic. And I don't have control. I gotta throw myself in the mercy in an alder that voted no. But I'm not gonna even ask, unless there's something here.

- On the third, or is it Tuesdays. It's always Tuesdays, except after an election day. So it's-

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- [Mark] It's six o'clock.

- [Barbara] Just throwing it out there.

- We absolutely should do that. I would just need some guidance on what motion, or process, to entertain right now. Or would it just be a matter of one of those alders reconsidering moving, reconsider their vote. And then, getting on the agenda.

- No, no.

- You guys, on your Sustainability report, which will be on the Council agenda, would have an action item, that I could call, or Randy could call, whatever. It would have nothing to do with what I'm talking about. That's under a different part. That's gonna be under the bonding part. All of yours would say was, you guys help.

- An action report on... It would be about, well, whichever project. Do we have a, is there-

- Pick which one.

- Which project do you think would be the best one to go with? Or is there a point of coin toss?

- I think that would probably, to be honest, it would be better if, to talk with Melissa after this, and figure out, like look through both of them. I don't know, unless you, based on the meetings, if you have a favorite, I don't know. But I would look at what each of them are. They sounded very similar to me.

- I think we absolutely have to pick one in this meeting. So, it's posted on the report. That it would be a report that would be the discussion, or the approval, the discussion of the data surrounding the blah, blah, blah, type projects in other communities. So that you can get a really rich discussion about, and I could pull it, and ask for you to talk. And then, you would talk about why this type of project has worked in other places. It can't be after the meeting, because then it can't be in the Council agenda. This is it, this is the only meeting.

- Where are they, which, go ahead, Melissa, please. I was gonna ask, I don't even know where they're located. Is there one that is in the district that's more close? Is there one that has a more better location?

- I don't think it matters from the city end. It's from, what you think is most beneficial to the city, for whatever it's designed to do. And if that doesn't, if its 50-50, or whatever, then maybe take it to, is one a little cheaper than the other? It would be strictly, from the Council end, I don't think there's any indication at all, as to what project is better, or best, or anything. I think it's a blank there, from the Council end. So it's just on our end. Looking at them from a climate view, from what we think would be best for the city, and most likely to get through with. Cost might be a factor we want to take into it, or not. If one is definitely better, climate-wise, than I don't think the cost matters. So it's just those kind of decisions from our end. I don't think we have to worry about trying to second-guess what the Council wants. Because Council doesn't-

- No.

- What are the two projects? I can't remember. What are the projects.

- Van Buren, was Van Buren one? And what was the other one, I don't remember?

- Eliza.

- [Randy] Eliza.

- Melissa, do you have an opinion on?

- [Barbara] I'm trying to find the cost.

- Last night, though, you're talking about the projects last night, or going back-

- Yeah!

- To the original ARPA request? Those projects?

- Well, those were the same projects that were on last night, the ARPA projects.

- It was Roosevelt.

- [Man] Okay, Roosevelt.

- Van Buren. And there's two Van Burens. There's two sections of Van Buren. The Van Buren that I think was in the ARPA request, was the one that is in Alder Galvin's areas. Maybe they both are. Okay?

- Okay.

- [Melissa] And then the third one-

- GI member, mode of Council.

- [Melissa] I gotta find the third one.

- Okay, the third one is rain barrels, the third one is rain barrels, it passed.

- [Man] We passed that.

- Don't worry about that.

- That one passed.

- It's ironically the one that's the least hydraulically.

- Of course.

- [Michelle] I think, I mean effective.

- I pitched it and it went.

- It was a sympathy vote. But, I was losing I think. But all right. So Melissa, can you please pull up, I can't find my ARPA stuff right here. We need probably, don't you guys think? Possibly the least expensive one?

- One at a time, one at a time. Don't make me-

- I'm down.

- Julia, then Randy.

- The only thing I say, cost is a factor, but there's many other things about green infrastructure that are beneficial to the community. So I guess, and then also, I really, I mean, I don't know. I would go with something, which, I would really lean on what Public Works thinks is the best place. Because this is a demonstration project again. To understand how it works well in the City of Green Bay. And the best, so I think, there's many factors, but those are a couple of them. Cost is one, but not really the only one.

- All right, Randy.

- [Randy] I was gonna say cost should be the last factor. I'd only factor it in at the end. If the environmental, and Public Works input, whichever one works best, even if it costs more, I think it's gonna be better to sell. I would only take cost into the equation if it's 50/50.

- Yeah, my two cents, if we can only do one project, which one is gonna have the most measurable impact? If the question is, isn't this worth it? And we get one swing at it, which is gonna give us the data to determine whether or not this is an actual, viable thing.

- I found them.

- And doing so in a flood prone area. So we got Alder Steuer, Alder Dorff.

- All right, I'll let Alder Dorff speak on that in a minute. But I was saying, for example, if we took Van Buren, we have three alders here now. And we know the other alders, as well. And we can talk to one or two here and there about things. And if we have more information, I think we can be more effective. It's just knowledge, just getting information out. That type of thing. And Alder Scannell said cost is the last thing. But it's important. We do look at that. If it's beneficial to the city, if we can find the cost benefit analysis, or something that'll say, in three years, this will really take care of this. And I think a lot of people in the city, a lot of cities want instant results. They wanna see things happen right away. But a lot of times it takes time. So, we have to make sure that people understand that as well, so I'm done.

- All right, Alder Dorff?

- Thank you, I did find both projects and their descriptions. Would it be helpful to you, if I talked about that? I don't know how to share a screen or anything like that. But, what would you like me to do, Seth?

- Yeah, if you just want to, or Melissa, if you could, you're on mute, Melissa.

- I did find those original ARPA request forms that Grant Administrator, Susan House, had during those meetings. So, I don't know what you have, Alder Dorff.

- That's what I have, that's what I pulled up.

- Do you want me to share my screen?

- Yeah, yeah, I think that would be great.

- It's 15-001, right? And then, 15-002.

- [Melissa] Let's see here. I really have to figure out how to get better with this. Okay, the first one I'm gonna bring up is Roosevelt.

- I guess I gotta go back to Zoom now.

- Let me know if you can fully see this.

- Mm-hm, looks good.

- Oh, man, I can't get it. Hm. There we go. Requested amount for Roosevelt was $368,000. Infiltration systems installed in the street terrace of Roosevelt. And then, let me see, it's kind of hard to read all of this in this little cell.

- I have a different view, unfortunately.

- Oh you do?

- Which is the bigger, a bigger view. But, I can't share it, so. I can quickly read the paragraph, if you want me to.

- Okay, that'll be fine.

- Okay, the projects, the project summary, the bio-filtration systems installed in the street terrace of Roosevelt Street, storm water runoff enters the system through a permanent opening, or pipe, flows through a specially-designed filter, medium mixture contained in a landscape concrete container. The filter media captures and immobilizes pollutants. Those pollutants are then decomposed, while the ties incorporated into the biomass of the systems micro map of for our storm water run off flows through the media, and into an under drain system at the bottom of the container, where the treated water is discard. The project area is in a qualified census track, as socially, a social vulnerability index rating of .197, which indicates a high level of vulnerability. The project focus would be pollutant reduction, water quality improvement, storm water runoff reduction, aesthetic appeal, and pollinator habitant. So that would be the first one, for $360,000. And what they would be saying are, and what they were saying was, "Well, how much storm water runoff reduction? "How much pollutant reduction? "What would the water quality improvement be? "Why is it worth it to have "the pollinator habitant, or the water quality improved?" So those would be some questions that they would want to see, not just answers to, but data from somewhere else, where this would had happened. And I know that's probably very difficult, if not impossible to find.

- I don't think so.

- You don't think it's impossible to find?

- Not something that I think we can find something at least, that would be the best we can do, that would potentially be an acceptable amount of information to get to the point. Does that make sense? There are many projects, as Melissa mentioned, throughout Wisconsin. Wisconsin has very good standards for designing these projects, in general, also. We have potentially modeling, GIS modeling that can give us a quick and dirty, just look at what the potential based on the size, and the location could help. Just to give you a better, just idea of what the benefits are overall, for sure.

- Okay, well that was the first one. And then, I have the second one right here. Would you like to hear that one? It's a little different.

- Sure.

- All right. This is the Van Buren Street. This is about $200,000 more. $570,000. Installation of 850 feet of permeable pavement, and bio-filtration systems on Van Buren Street. From East Mason Street to Stewart Street. The bio-filtration systems will be on the street terrace. Planted with native vegetation. This type of GI filters pollutants from storm water, reduces the quantity of storm water entering the storm's sewer system, permeable pavement catches water where it falls, and allows storm water and snow melt infiltrate into a sub-surface storage layer. And again, it's in these qualified areas. And what project outcomes are, water quality improvement, storm water runoff, reduced an aesthetic appeal. Those are the two. They do about the same thing. Which one could we get more data on? That's probably the best question.

- Well in the second one, offers two different types of green infrastructure. The bio-filtration and the permeable pavement in the parking lane.

- And I would argue, see for that one, I sent Melissa some information, but a while ago, LaCrosse did a study for precipitation and using green infrastructure, and they found permeable paver to be one of the most effective things in LaCrosse.

- I have to interrupt you, I'm so sorry, Julia. Because Steve Grenier shot that down completely last night. We brought it up, Ned brought it up, and Steve Grenier said, "They have sand, we have clay, it will not work here." So no one's gonna believe LaCrosse. I don't want you to even think about that, okay?

- Okay. The other thing about trying those out, is at least for the two different ones is that, I kind of lost my train of thought there.

- I'm sorry.

- It's okay, it's okay, that's good, that's good to know. That, they're both road projects, right? I mean, you are getting a road. Which is also a priority of these projects, or the city, in general, also. You're getting green infrastructure, and a road together. Which is a pretty good combination. And just rather, than just a road. Like a road, or you know, a storm sewer drain.

- But it costs more than a regular road.

- It does. However, and I think Steve made this clear during previous meetings, but, we're planning these pilot projects, in conjunction with road reconstruction projects that were already planned. And that's going to help save the money city, because we have a plan, we have a road reconstruction plan. It's not like we're just saying, "Hey, let's go out and put green infrastructure someplace." We have to tear up the road, anyway. So, we're saving construction cost by integrating that into road reconstruction plans.

- And I don't know if that kind of cost savings is under calculated within the cost benefit. Because it is, you are getting a better deal by doing two things at once, rather than, you're getting a road, and storm water at the same time. So I don't know how it can be, or has been calculated.

- The answer to that would be that the opposition had clear calculation on how much more this would cost, than grade, and grade is good enough. And so, then there was no one there that had this knowledge to say what you just said. Director Griener wasn't able to say that for whatever reason. Nobody knew that, I didn't know that. So, nobody said that. So, I don't know. I think it was said in the past, it sounds familiar. But no one said it last night.

- I think it would be good to know how much it would cost to pave it grade. And then, you'd see the difference there, or you would be able to calculate, this road's gonna cost this much anyway. It's gonna cost this much more to do this green infrastructure, and this in the benefits to green infrastructure. To pilot, we're gonna be getting information, and that'll lower cost in the future, and everything else.

- And we already had that information last night. We already brought, exactly the figures up, of how much more it would cost to do this. And it got voted down. Again, because we didn't have this information.

- You gotta put it all together, put it all together.

- Yeah, put it all together.

- Alder Steuer?

- Sorry, we're taking over a little bit here today. But we're excited about this. We'd like to see some things happen. So, we're just interested in helping. The Van Buren project, 584, or whatever it was. But, just the fact that you know, maybe I knew this, or didn't know it. But just the fact that Julia, that you mentioned that the street projects, or, the street project was gonna be done anyhow. So if you can piggyback on that, and then, if there are some other benefits that we can get from this project, like the type of materials that are used. Anything that would, that we could utilize in the future, if we could succeed at one pilot project, and see all the different benefits we could get from it, that'll go a long way to helping with other projects, as well.

- All right. Kaurie?

- Yeah, I was thinking about the whole maintenance aspect, too, with these projects. And, is one more maintenance intensive? And maybe just something to consider with green infrastructure in general, moving forward. Would be, maybe wanna choose one project over the other. To help reduce costs, or to help learn how to maintain something. But I think, just another part of the piece

of the puzzle that we should be thinking about.

- Do we have any thoughts then on, which project would be better to recommend? My opinion is if there's one that has multiple features, like the Van Buren project. That's gonna demonstrate a lot more possibilities of green infrastructure. But do other folks have thoughts?

- I just was curious, Alderman Dorff, you said you were able, willing to pick one, would it not be just, just kind of presenting what each of these, the benefits are, and then letting the Council make their own judgements about which one's more appropriate for the city?

- I wish I could say yes to that.

- Yeah, it's a little flip of a coin.

- I don't think I can say yes to that, because we didn't have good listeners. Did we, Alder Steuer?

- In a way, that might be a better way to go. Because then we could get Greiner's input, too. And that's what we're gonna miss from this meeting, is his input. We're not gonna get that tonight. And we would like to go forward tonight. So maybe that is the way to go. And then, he gets his input, and the alders get a choice of, get to the side. If we can get them to where they'll agree to do one, and they got a choice, that empowers them, I think that's, maybe that is the way to go.

- And from my perspective, they have one of the features in both of them, they're very similar. So, it would be really presenting two features. You have the permeable piece, and then, the filtration with the pollinators, so people can really see what the benefits of each of those are.

- Ned?

- Thank you. How much is it more worth it?

- [Seth] Wrong Dorff.

- Excitable girl.

- I'd like to direct this question to Alder Steuer. I think that Alder Steuer's come in with a pretty balanced approach. Seeing things on two different sides of this. And I would like to know what would it take for Alder Steuer to reconsider?

- [Barbara] He voted with us.

- I voted.

- [Barbara] He did.

- [Ned] He voted in favor last night, okay. I wasn't clear on that, then I'm sorry.

- And I had to double-check some things, since we had so many votes last night. And sometimes it gets a little hairy-

- [Ned] Sure.

- To be honest. We're good, but not always great.

- Then, you know-

- Work on somebody, if we could work on somebody else.

- Work on somebody else, got it. I would like to see both reconsidered. The way that I guess that we can write it into our, we had one item for action tonight, and that was to reconsider our plan. I guess we can take it into there, it's like part of the plan is to petition Council to reconsider using the money on the two green infrastructure projects that failed last night. And then, between now and then, connect Julia with whoever else was sitting on the fence, on those last night. I feel like, Alder Steuer said, the arguments were represented, and one side wasn't strong enough, that was me. Right? That was my testimony. And I think if we have a little more, somebody with a background like Julia; man, I would love to see both of those projects go into my neighborhood, being that we live in one of the most flood-prone areas in the city. To get some work on Van Buren, and get some work on Eliza, as well. And furthermore, we have such, those steep inclines into both rivers, when you split off of Webster, there. We're sending a lot of runoff to both rivers. I don't wanna lose either one of those projects. That's my-

- I was gonna just tell Seth; Seth, you mentioned something about that this committee is going to be looking to have legislation done, and talking to different folks. This is part of it right here. So that could be part of your plan. That you're gonna be going after legislators, whether they're local, state, federal, whatever. To try to get your points across. This is one way to do that, if it's part of your report.

- Yeah. Alder Dorff?

- [Barbara] Thanks. My question before was gonna be, is it possible to do enough work on two things for the data to be gathered, and such? Instead of just focusing on one thing. Because the timeline is quite short. And everything would have to be in that Friday, prior to Council. Because that's when the agenda is posted, and the information needs to be to Council by that Friday. So, we don't even have two weeks. We have a week from tomorrow, basically. That's it. Okay, sorry Kaurie, go ahead.

- I couldn't recall if both projects have pollinator packings, or just one. They both did.

- I feel like they're the same filtration with pollinators in both. And then, the other, the one that's more expensive, why it's more expensive, is it's also permeable pavement. And so, basically those trenches will be designed the same.

- 'Cause my thought was going to be, if there wasn't one with pollinator plantings, that perhaps, since we have the pollinator corridor work group and stuff, that could tie in. Plus I think, just visually, people might be noticing a difference, versus just, the pavement probably doesn't look much difference. Different, you know? But, since it's in both, that's great.

- Great. And I do think providing some examples in what these things would look like, potentially,

will be quite helpful. And to answer Alderman, Alderwoman Dorff's question, Question I think that, I will work with Melissa, and we'll just do the best we can. I don't if I, to be honest with you, I don't if the information we collect is gonna be sufficient or not, until we will, we'll do the best we can. They've collected a lot of information already, like we've mentioned. So, I think it's just pulling some pieces together in a more coherent story. And then, being able to answer some of those more, the questions.

- I have a question, then. So that's awesome, I love where this is going. I can only imagine there are numerous members of the public who would like to state their support for reconsidering this. Since we've had instances in the past where the public has shown up, and have not been recognized. Alder Dorff, can we text you, or what's the best practice?

- You don't have to! No. Just let us know ahead of meeting you're gonna be there. But we need to know the names. Because all we can see are the names. Or someone. It would be at the time appropriate, which would be under the, would it be under the Sustainability report, maybe? And Mark, or under the finance? Because we're not gonna do the motion to reconsider until we get to finance, right.

- I'd go through finance. But, you know what? Either way, you're gonna see it on the agenda. You can tell when it's gonna be. Whether is will be under Sustainability, or under Finance. I'm not 100% sure on that.

- What I'm saying is, the report might be under Sustainability.

- Right.

- [Mark] Right.

- We haven't made the motion to reconsider yet. So that's not going to be on. But that is the point in which it would be made. And that is the point at which the public would be allowed to talk, I believe. Or possibly, the public could talk during the Sustainability report. And just give their opinions. What do you think, Alder Scannell?

- I think, it doesn't matter where. We just pick a spot, and then we open the floor. So, it's where we're gonna do some action. I think we need, I don't know, I mean, is it the Financial, we're gonna actually be doing some action? The Sustainability is just gonna be a report out. I don't think there's gonna be any kind of, unless we're doing a petition as Ned suggested. And I don't know how that-

- We have such complicated processes.

- [Mark] It is.

- It's so complicated. It would be, I believe it would be under Finance, because I'm going to check with Finance. But I chair Finance. Oo! So, I can get an item on the agenda. Possibly, for the next finance meeting. So but, I believe it's gonna be under Finance, and it will be under the bonding request. Because that's where we have to take it from. Not our but, not our but, the bonding, putting it back into bonding. We got that wiggle room now, because we did reduce by about 300,000. Remember last night when I said, "Let's just stop now." We got, if we go back to where we

were, we'd be right in there with that one project. I think it would be under Finance. All I need to know, is who, you know, if there's just somebody who wants to speak. Just, somebody can email me. Somebody can email Randy, Mark. Just say, "There is someone here who wants to speak "on Sustainability." And then, when that comes up, we will say, "We know we have citizens out there, "we would like to make a motion to open the floor." So, it doesn't have to be that night. It could be like right before the meeting, I always check my email. But, do you know what I'm saying?

- Yeah.

- We should be able to, long before it's on the agenda, we should be able to know what duck is where. And if we know someone's gonna talk, speak at Council, we can just open the floor. And we can move it up, so people don't have to wait forever. And when we open the floor, then I should think whoever's gonna be speaking will know, this is their time to jump in.

- And if they don't come, they're not there, then we just close the floor. I think I'm going to count on, we're coming up with a plan here. Someone's gonna be there. Hopefully more than someone. I think we can get a few people. And that way if something, one doesn't show, we still got others. And I think-

- How do you work it though, as far as timing? A lot of times when a presentation is made at Council, it's done part of the beginning of the meeting. If you wanna have a lot of people speak for Sustainability, it would be, I think it would be good to speak earlier on before it gets down to Finance. Unless you think differently.

- I think differently, because I don't think we need any presentation. I think we need support for the motion that would include people being allowed to speak, give them their three minutes. We might ask for grace, and get five minutes. 'Cause you don't get a lot of time to speak. But I don't think there should be the big, formal presentation because-

- That's the good point.

- Right? We're trying to convince them to do something. In that moment, which is, hopefully if we can get an alder to do a reconsideration. And we don't know that until the meeting. We don't know that.

- We can't talk about that ahead of time, Barb?

- Oh, you can talk about.

- To some other alder, if we can say, "Would you reconsider?"

- And they might agree, but they might change their mind. Alders change their minds before meetings. I've seen it happen, you know? But yeah, we absolutely, I'm going to talk about it before the meeting. And someone else will, but we just need to get that motion considered. And I have something else to add when we're done with this little part here.

- Okay. Julia?

- I'm not sure exactly how far this is going. But I just wanna be really pretty clear about my ability, and how where I see this, is I do think, well, as in my position, I cannot just comment advocate for a certain position in general. I can come and present science-informed information, and give you an understanding of what the projects are, Informationally-wise. And I truly believe that will need some visuals, that would go into a presentation. I can put it in the material. That would go into the materials, for sure, too. The public would maybe like to see that, too.

- I think, yeah.

- But you were saying that we shouldn't have a, And so, I'm just saying-

- That could work. That could work if you do that under Sustainability. And then, we need to other thing, too.

- Yeah, I was picturing we would have Melissa and Julia do a very informational presentation about the merits of the projects, the data, et cetera. The things that people are asking for last night. But then, at some point before there's a vote, I'm gonna tell everybody I know to show up to this meeting, to make sure that, science prevails, essentially. I think that's the two separate things. But I would agree with Julia, that a formal presentation would be what the folks that were skeptical would need to change their minds.

- I'm not sure how we can do that, though. Because, we need the reconsideration for any of it to work. Of course, we could make it a presentation. Even if there isn't a reconsideration. A presentation is worthwhile, going forward to next year.

- Yes.

- So, we could make this as from the Sustainability Commission, we wanna do a presentation. We can make a Sustainable, the presentation, part of the Sustainable report, that could be done at the beginning of the meeting. Make the presentation, and it's for giving the Council information to move forward. Whether it'll be really soon with the reconsideration, or next year.

- When we finish editing this document, we will make a motion to approve, send to Council, and ask that we would be given the opportunity to present it at the meeting, and that will allow us to do that? Do we need to, should we expand our proposed green infrastructure pilot projects to be specific about the two that we are recommending?

- You almost have to you. You have to have that warning, yeah.

- You probably gonna wanna talk to the Mayor's office, too. If we're doing a presentation.

- I'll just text him right now. But, go ahead.

- Well, I think he may have ideas on how that should be done. He's chairing the meeting. I think if we're gonna be doing a presentation, we need to get the Mayor's office involved.

- Wonderful. I'm gonna change that action language then to, "Proposed green infrastructure pilot projects "at Van Buren, and Roosevelt to Council "in collaboration with Public Works." Is that where

we need to go?

- [Woman] Are you talking about the action item for the motion, or?

- In the language with the plan, just being specific about what-

- [Woman] Within the language of the plan, okay.

- But then when we pass this plan, then we will say, "Pass the 2022 work plan to Council, "and present at the next meeting." 'Cause it gives us an opportunity to tell them about the rest of our things, too, briefly. But this, the data can be the meat and potatoes, which that's what the people want, let's give it to them.

- Just as a question to Melissa. Thank you for correcting me on the Roosevelt thing. I know that Melissa had brought up the Eliza project, as well. Is that something we would like to include in here?

- [Woman] Is this street project is, also a pilot project? And we're applying for grant funds for that. Ned, is your question, should we include the mention of the Eliza Street project in our work plan?

- Yeah, that's my question.

- There's other projects, too, that we looked at for green infrastructure. I don't know if we need to name everything individually. What if it gets voted down, or something? And they say, well everything was in that... I don't know! I'm just thinking ahead. If we get the grant-

- It'll just be informational, you can just make it informational.

- I think we should be specific, and stay specific, and stay focused. We shouldn't, make it as our Chair mentioned, provide some other context, and some other, what we're doing about, but I don't think we need to, I wouldn't start making, raising up all kinds of other different kinds of projects. I think we're just gonna muddy the waters. We wanna focus on these two projects that we want action on. Or at least, yeah, and hopefully sooner than later, but if it's gonna be later, than it's later. At least we're starting to get that information out.

- I agree.

- So then, not to limit it in the work plan. I will add, including ones at Van Buren and Roosevelt, rather than just having it suggest that those are the only ones. Well, it sounds like-

- Chair, I have to leave. I have to leave now. Thank you for the meeting, I got another appointment I gotta go to.

- All right, thank you for coming.

- We're here to help, we're here to help.

- [Seth] Thanks for bringing the hype.

- Okay.

- Alder Dorff?

- I just wanna say, because we have a Director here, a Parks Director. And so, I don't wanna be stepping on another director's toes, which is Director Grenier. I have let him know that what we're doing. And I have let him know that, please hop on a computer, if you can. But Director Ditscheit, do you think what other action might I take, just because he's a pretty important director. I don't wanna be, I don't know, Dan, give me some direction.

- Yeah, well I think, as you guys mentioned several times, I think it's really important to get Steve's opinion on which of the two projects should be the top priority. I think it's a good idea to request to do a presentation in advance. Maybe early on in the Council. Just that so you can give some background information on bio-filters, permeable pavement, and just do some educational information topics early on in the meeting. And then as part of this I guess, if the Sustainability Commission agenda item falls after the Finance Committee agenda; then, at the beginning of the meeting, you should, I would recommend that you amend the agenda to bump the Sustainability Commission agenda first, so that it can take into account any suggested changes to the Finance Committee, so that at least that gets discussed prior to the Finance Committee. So I think you have a good game, a good game plan moving forward. But I do think, like I started at the beginning, that getting Director Greiner's opinion is key on this. And without getting his opinion, and getting him onboard with this game plan moving forward, I think it's gonna be difficult to get it approved. That's my two cents.

- Thank you, 100%, that's what I was looking for. And I've already begun doing that, so thank you.

- It sounds like we have a game plan. Julia, did you have something on this? Your hand's up. Oh still, all right, cool. Anything else on this presentation? And next steps there? Or, just more broadly on the work plan? Which I never thought would turn out to be such an exciting discussion.

- I do have one question, has all that ARPA funding been delegated already? And would other projects be taken? Okay. Great.

- But, we're not looking at ARPA. We're looking at bonding right now.

- I see, I see, okay.

- Cool, any other thoughts on this category? Climate resilience, and adaptation? Cool. Wonderful discussion. Moving on then to, the next category. I did my best to capture really good conversation from last meeting. The only thing that was left a little unresolved was the name of that issue area. So, do we have thoughts on that, or on the goal, and other pieces here?

- I can talk. I read back through our minutes of last meeting, when we were talking about that. A lot of it came down to healthy habitat. A lot of it came down to land, air, and water. I think healthy habitat could be what we change that to. Or, to give a nod to Aldo Leopold, we can change it to the "Land Ethic," which I always loved. I'd be interested to hear what other people think, as far as maybe narrowing it down there, to one of those two or three options.

- What are your thoughts on that?

- My only suggestion is to pick something that, people when they hear it, they know what you're talking about. And unfortunately, I don't think "Land Ethic" is that thing. You're in circles that do know what that is. But, I don't think across the board, that, it's like you don't, wouldn't know it. You'd have to read into it.

- Yeah, agreed, agreed.

- Well so, "Healthy Habitat," sounds like the front runner. And we can have that be our internal branding for it. Other thoughts on this category? Did I capture everything?

- There were a lot of great suggestions for partners, and funding opportunity in the minutes. I don't know if we, we need to necessarily add all those at this time? But if we ever need to kind of look back to what people said. They're in the those minutes from last week, or last month.

- Kaurie? You're on mute.

- Thank you. I'm just wondering what the title of the work group, could perhaps include ecological preservation, and restoration. 'Cause I think the importance of preserving what we have beyond the restoration efforts, too, could be a nice addition.

- I think to go to your point, and to Julia's point, we could, just because ecological restoration is something like you and I are familiar with, but probably not a great sense for the general public, "Healthy Habitant," might be more of a general term they're familiar with. But in our, in the second column, instead of just saying to create connected, productive, and safe habitat corridors, we can say to create and preserve to get to that point, that we do have some great habitat already. And we wanna keep it strong.

- Does that sound good with folks?

- I would agree with that.

- That's cool. All right, what are your thoughts?

- I also like the idea of habitats for people, and the animals, and plants. I think when we think habitats, we're just thinking about animals, usually. But I think it's both. I don't know how to put that into words, eloquently.

- I agree. I think that brings us back to the land ethic, where we include people, animals, plants, non-living, yes. I do, I do. I think healthy habitat for all, would include people.

- And for all? I didn't have that in the track changes. Awesome. Other thoughts? All right, moving right along then. Waste reduction. So, I had talked to Mark, I think he wasn't at the last meeting, also. But we had connected prior to the last meeting about potentially establishing a pilot program for organic material, or compost, something that he has, as we all know, a ton of . And seems to be something that he would be willing to do the work on. That was my big question for him, is we're putting this on paper, to have somebody else do. And he seemed to committed, it's easy to volun-tell

him when he's not here. But he did say it was a project he'd be willing to really lead. And does have the expertise. I think the overall goal, as we've heard from him, most waste in landfills is, organic waste. So establishing a pilot program to identify end use location. So this could be a lot of things. But basically it would either be a drop-off site, or a curb side, composite site. There are lots of potential partners. I think this is something that he would really own, and further develop. But this is what he had sent me. So, do we have any thoughts on that? Cool, awesome, thank you. And then, so moving down below, the criteria for taking on new issues, the very last bullet point, was added during our last meeting. Otherwise, that hasn't changed. This last section is completely new, though. We had a really great discussion about principles, about involving the community. Having a bigger web presence, centering equity, racial justice issues. It came up in Council meetings, and throughout the course of our conversation that our work should be rooted in data, and researched, and also fiscal responsibility. So, rather than shoehorning another goal, it is really a part of all of our work. I did just take the liberty to add these different principles that we should really be considering for every single thing that we take on. I don't know if folks have gotten a chance to read that. But basically, we are the community, but we also know that anything that we're gonna be doing, should involve the community. We should actively seek and create pathways for involvement. There's a lot of ways we can do that. I'm a community organizer at heart, so that part seems like a great potential. Any thoughts on that bullet point? Public outreach and awareness, I think this gets to, I think Ned had raised this, amplifying our work in the digital space, especially. Working with city staff, and with members on the commission to just update the webpage occasionally, we have a social media page, and just get relevant work out, when necessary. And that one really goes hand-in-hand with community involvement. Any thoughts there? Cool. And then, racial justice and equity. Most of the time, when people are impacted by pollution, they are already the most marginalized in our society. I think we need to strive to see those in our sections between race and class, and environmental impacts. And center that in our work. But also make sure that the folks that are most impacted, are the folks that are a part of the solutions. When you're closest to the problem, you're gonna have the best ideas for solutions, often times. Do we have any thoughts about that? And then, data and research driven. If that's not been the key too, or the theme to our night, I don't know. Do we have qualms with this? And then finally, making sure that our decisions are saving money in the long term. Recognizing that the upfront costs to a lot of our initiatives is somewhat prohibitive, and that we need to be, I guess, creative and smart to balance those up-front costs, with a long-term payoff. Any questions, concerns there? John?

- Seth, I just wanna bring out. I think a lot of these issues, we've talked about, or brought into our discussions over time. I'm just very appreciative that you actually put it down on paper. So, I agree with all of these.

- Cool, thanks John. My job was really easy, because y'all had the good ideas, and I just take notes. So thank you all for a really robust discussion. All right so then, if we have no other additions to this, we'll entertain a motion to approve our annual work plan. And present it to Council at our next meeting.

- So moved.

- We wanna say "Approved as amended."

- Approved as amended, yep, yep, that would be good. Does that, is that good, Randy?

- Yep.

- [Seth] As a motion? All right.

- I give a motion.

- And then second by John. All those in favor, say "Aye".

- [Group] Aye, aye.

- All those oppose, nay. All right, we got ourselves a work plan. We took a year off, but we're back in 2022. Thanks, everybody. Moving on then to, the next section, "Informational "staff updates "for pesticide policies for city operation." Dan, thank you for hanging on the call. I think this is you.

- Yes, I just thought it would be a good opportunity to be to update where we sit with this. I know all this was discussed many months ago, at least six months ago, I would guess. That the city create a policy for park operations, as it relates to pesticides and herbicides. So, just wanna give you an update as to where we sit with things. Since that time, I've worked with Melissa, and we have reached out to a lot of communities to see what their policies are. So we've gathered a lot of data, gathered a lot of policies that we can pull from. And just to give you a little bit of background here, the Parks Department does not have a written policy in place as far as it goes towards pesticides and herbicide applications. We do best management practices, but we don't have a written policy. So what I'm proposing moving forward here, is I think over the next month or so, I'll be able to work with Melissa, and put together a policy incorporating some of the information from some of the other municipalities, and create a written policy tailored to the Green Bay Parks Department. And what I would, and what we'll do is, we'll put that policy together, kind of highlighting and detailing what we're currently doing. And also, if there's things that we can do doing better, we'll incorporate those into the plan. And then, about a month from now, I'll bring the plan forward to the Sustainability Commission, and we can talk about the plan. At that point, it won't be an improved plan, or an improved policy, that has been brought forward to the Parks Department, or to the Parks Committee. So, we'll bring it to the Sustainability Commission first. Talk about the plan and what we're currently doing, and how we're doing things. And then, if there's a desire to make some changes, or modifications to that policy, we can discuss it at that time. But it's hard to discuss the merits of what we're doing, and how we're doing things, if you don't have a plan in front of you, detailing that procedure. So, that's what I would recommend moving forward. Is, we'll bring a plan, or a policy together for, we'll pull a policy together, bring it to your committee for review. And then, hopefully we can come to some agreement, as far as what your committee would like to see. And in relation to what we can actual maintain in our Parks Department. Once we get a policy in place that we're all happy with, we'll then bring it to the Parks Committee, to formally adopt that policy.

- Dan, can I ask you a couple of questions-

- [Dan] Sure.

- On that one? Thanks for hanging around for so long. To let us know. I appreciate it you taking it on at the Parks Department. So the intent behind this is not just to apply to the parks. So I just wanted to get your feedback on that, that this would also apply to the other departments in the city. Especially DPW, because they have the other big chunks of land. But really, all the departments of

the city. Is that what your intent is with drawing this up, as well?

- That was not my original intent. I didn't know that was the desire of the committee. So, I can have some discussions at senior staff level. And figure out the best route to per see it. But at least in the short-term, the Parks Department can put together their policy. I may have to reach out to other departments, and maybe this city-wide policy, maybe we'll have to implement it for each department separately, where every department would have to put a little section into that policy. So I'll have to put, give a little more thought into that. I know a lot of other municipalities, the policies are no necessarily city-wide policy, they're department policies, at least the ones that I've seen. Or, it's a city-wide ordinance that goes not just to the city, but also to the residence. And I know that becomes a lot more difficult, if you're trying to make a city-wide ordinance mandating some of these practices. That just adds a new level of detail to this. But at least the policies I've reviewed, have been for department policies. But that doesn't mean we can't look at it, as a city, as a whole. I'll some other discussions with other departments, and we'll go from there.

- Thank you, I appreciate that.

- [Dan] Sure.

- Any other questions for Director Ditscheit? Awesome, well thanks again for joining us tonight. We really appreciate it.

- My pleasure.

- [Man] Thanks, Dan.

- All right, then moving onto Item Two, under "Informational Work Group Updates". Moving on then to Item Three. "Resilience Coordinator Update". Melissa?

- [Melissa] Okay, we've actually talked about a lot of, most of the stuff I'm currently working on right now. I'm gonna keep my update fairly short. I had mentioned before, working on a grant for green infrastructure on Eliza Street, which would be permeable pavers. Which is yet another type of permeable surfacing. And it's very close to the Fox River Trail. We do have some initial modeling results for that particular project. That, one of our engineers was able to put together in preparation for this grant, that's not standard practice, though. And that civil engineer that did that, is not with the city any longer, she took a different job, but we do have some data to back that one up. I submitted the pre-proposal, and it was accepted. And we've been invited to put in a full application. So that's encouraging. If that one goes through, we'll know sometime probably in March or April, if we're awarded that. That particular grant. The next item that I wanna talk about, and this will be important for some of our members of the Sustainability Commission, and possibly, some of the other alders, some alders, as well. But our green infrastructure code audit project, that we started, gosh, Julia, you can, you were starting that before I was even hired. But we want through the whole process of doing the code audit, and now we have text amendments that are ready to go to the Plan Commission, and to INS. So that will be happening in April, for the Plan Commission. And then, the INS Committee will be looking specifically at the text amendments for storm water. And Plan Commission will be looking at the text amendments for landscaping standards, as well as, some of the parking lot standards, and filter strips and buffer zones in between land uses, and things of that nature. And this project has had widespread staff support. And widespread staff input into the entire

process. We'll be looking for support from y'all, as well. When those go to committee. And then, I think that was, that was really all I wanted to report on. At this time. Any questions? Okay.

- Cool, thank you, Melissa. Last item, any other member updates? Alder Randy?

- I do have a question actually. How does this differ from the two projects we're trying to bond for?

- [Melissa] The Eliza Street project?

- Yeah, because it's permeable, and they're permeable projects, correct?

- If you kind of picture like, you know, paver blocks. They're made of permeable material, so it's not like an asphalt, where it's more of a continuous. And it's going to be in a smaller, going to have a smaller footprint. So much lower dollar amount, as well, Randy. And we specifically didn't put that one to the upper request, because it is a lower dollar amount. We thought it would be more appropriate to seek funding from this particular source, that we have, that the city has a really strong relationship with. And they look to fund pilot projects for municipalities, that are trying to invest, and develop, and build capacity for green streets. For Green Streets Program. So for example, like Milwaukee has one of the, the most developed Green Streets Program in the Mid-west, if not nationwide. And this is the same funding agency that is, that helps Milwaukee, as well. So that's sort of the long gain with this. Is that we find, we get a project, or two, and really get it going so that it builds our staff capacity to be able to keep doing this into the future.

- It's a different type of material-

- [Michelle] It is.

- then what's been going in?

- [Michelle] It is.

- [Randy] Good all right, that's good.

- Is it PaveGreen?

- [Michelle] We have not decided on a product yet.

- [Julia] Okay.

- Well, any other questions for Melissa, before moving onto Item Four? All right, final item on the agenda, "Other Member Updates".

- Do I make a motion? No.

- I gotta tell you. I have texted Steve, he's been trying to get into the meeting, but no one had let him in. So he gave up. So, he's gonna talk to Melissa tomorrow. But he was trying to get in. I said, "Why didn't you text me?" Sorry.

- [Melissa] I even had been keeping an eye on. On this the whole time, and the only person that I saw was Sister Sally. Who's you know, she's still here listening. I did not see Steve.

- Okay well, it's just nice to know, and he's going to talk to you tomorrow. So just so you know, we have gotten a Steve foothold. Great. Seth, can I come back another time, do you think?

- Please.

- [Barbara] I was a little like crazy, you know. I hope I was okay.

- Yeah, I think we need more of this in our meetings, in the future. So please, please come back.

- Next time, lets focus it on recycling, or something.

- Thank you, thank you so much for coming Alder Dorff. I really do appreciate it. This was a very, very productive meeting. Cool, and we'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

- [Julia] I second.

- Motion by Ned, seconded by Julia. All those in favor, say "Aye".

- [Group] Aye, aye, aye, aye.

- All those opposed, say "Nay." All right, adjourned. Have a good night, everybody.

- Good night.

- [Woman] Good night.

- [Man] Good night.

- Oh, good night. Talk to y'all soon.