



AGENDA OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, 5:00 PM
In person at City Hall, Room 310.
Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.

A. Zoom Meeting Information.

I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82469507408?pwd=M8rQe7INAaLLamTeJzSdgsDX2uq3NC.1>

Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 824 6950 7408

Passcode: 287060

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B. Roll Call.

- I. Members: Chair- Christa Kananen, Vice Chair- Ned Dorff, Alder Joey Prestley, Julia Noordyk, Jenny Brinker, Daniela Beall, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, Staff person- Maria Otto

C. Approval of the Agenda.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, May 20, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

D. Approval of Minutes.

- I. Approval of the minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting.

E. Announcements. -NONE

F. Regular Business.- NONE

G. Informational.

1. Healthy Habitat for All Workgroup Update
2. Community Engagement Workgroup Update
3. Waste Reduction Workgroup Update
4. Clean Energy Workgroup Update
5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

H. Adjournment.

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, May 20, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.greenbaywi.gov
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Sustainability Commission meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.



Report to the
Sustainability Commission
of the City of Green Bay

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May 20, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # D.I

Approval of the minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting.

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Sustainability Minutes 04 16 2026



MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026, 5:00 PM
In person at City Hall, Room 310.
Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

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B. ROLL CALL.

- I. Members: Chair- Christa Kananen, Vice Chair- Ned Dorff, Alder Joey Prestley, Julia Noordyk, Jenny Brinker, Daniela Beall, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, Staff person- Maria Otto

Present: Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz

Excused: Daniela Beall arrived after roll call.

Absent: None

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Thursday, April 16, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Moved by Jeanette Knill, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve the agenda.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, No-None, Abstain-None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- I. Approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2026 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Jeanette Knill to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, No-None, Abstain-None.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS.

- I. Add language to municipal code Sec.28-3 allowing harvesting of fruit and nuts from trees and shrubs on City-owned park property and to designate rules for food forest zones.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Christa Kananen to Refer to Park staff to work with Sustainability Commission on drafting amendments to Sec. 28-3 regarding fruit and nut harvesting from trees and shrubs on City-owned park areas..

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, No-None, Abstain-None.

G. INFORMATIONAL.

- I. Work Group Reports

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Daniela Beall to receive and place on file.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Resiliency Coordinator Report

Moved by Christa Kananen, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to receive and place on file.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, No-None, Abstain-None.

3. Next Meeting: **May 20, 2026**

H. ADJOURNMENT.

1. Adjournment of the Thursday, April 16, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Daniela Beall to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, No-None, Abstain-None.



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AGENDA ITEM # G.1

Healthy Habitat for All Workgroup Update

BACKGROUND

Update Summary: Pollinator corridor updates; Neighbors For Nature updates.

Plant kit giveaway pick-up dates and times:

May 15th – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

May 22nd – 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM

May 23rd – 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Location: Nature Center, lower level, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA ITEM # G.2

Community Engagement Workgroup Update

BACKGROUND

Partnered with City of GB Communications Director to issue a press release about the Neighbors for Nature program on Earth Day. Resulted in at least one article and one TV segment.

- Press Times <https://gopresstimes.com/stories/neighbors-for-nature-program-supports-pollinators-and-clean-water,332062>
- WBAY <https://www.wbay.com/video/2026/04/22/green-bay-launches-neighbors-nature-program-earth-day-2/>

Met with City Staff to initiate discussion about City sustainability staffing needs; will continue to meet with stakeholders to refine their understanding of needs, then explore potential funding options. Recommendations are expected in the second half of the year.

RECOMMENDATION

To receive and place on file.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA ITEM # G.3

Waste Reduction Workgroup Update

BACKGROUND

1. Marissa Michalkiewicz and Jeanette Knill attended the Green Bay Area Public School's Waste Reduction Sub-Committee Meeting (part of the GBAPS Clean Energy Committee) on April 30. We discussed ways that GBAPS can work to reduce waste, with a specific focus on food waste, and increase recycling initiatives. This was the first meeting for this subcommittee. Both will continue to participate in these subcommittee meetings.
2. On May 6, in celebration of International Compost Awareness Week, the Waste Reduction Work Group hosted a presentation series focused on composting initiatives and best practices at the Brown County Central Library. Presentations were given by Mark Walter from Brown County Port & Resource Recovery, John Arendt from UW-Green Bay, and Angie Lemar from Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC on behalf of Recycling Connections.
3. Marissa Michalkiewicz connected with Amy Eckelberg at UW-Green Bay's Spring Reception on April 13. Both currently sit on UW-Green Bay's Alumni Association Board. Amy is the Executive Director of Public Relations for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. The Work Group plans to connect with Amy to discuss food diversion opportunities within the Wisconsin agriculture industry.
4. Group members continue plans to add community members to the Waste Reduction Work Group. Meetings with the chosen Waste Reduction Work Group community members will occur on an as-needed basis. Chosen community members will represent one of the following sectors related to food waste reduction initiatives:
 - **City of Green Bay Public Works Department** (Residential, Waste Hauler) – TBD
 - **Brown County Resource Recovery** (Landfill) – Mark Walter, Business Development Manager
 - **Green Bay Neighborhood Associations** – TBD
 - **Green Bay Area Public School District** – Jeanette Knill, Board Member
 - **UW-Green Bay** – John Arendt, Director of the Environmental Management & Business Institute (EMBI)
 - **NWTC** – Dillon Weist
 - **Food Processing Businesses** (Manufacturing) – TBD
 - **Agricultural Food Production** (Farms) – Sarah Valentine, Co-Owner of Valentine Gardens; *Amy Eckelberg, Executive Director of Public Relations for Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation*
 - **Grocery Stores** (Retail) – TBD

- **Food Recovery** – Selena Darrow, Founder of Rooted In

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA ITEM # G.4

Clean Energy Workgroup Update

BACKGROUND

One of the 2026 commitments from the Clean Energy Work Group was to define internship opportunities and expectations for college students to support achievement of the City's clean energy and carbon neutrality targets.

RECOMMENDATION

The work group submits the attached internship responsibilities/considerations and recommends that the City consider hiring an intern (paid or unpaid, depending on funding availability) to support tracking of progress toward its commitment to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2050, and to identify data-informed opportunities to improve progress toward achievement of that target.

FISCAL IMPACT

TBD

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Internship Expectations - City of Green Bay Sustainability Commission

City of Green Bay – Sustainability Commission Clean Energy Work Group Recommendation

The Clean Energy Work Group of the GB Sustainability Commission sees an opportunity for college students to support energy data management and analysis to inform the City's action toward achieving its clean energy and carbon neutrality targets. An internship would also provide opportunities for a student(s) to gain hands-on experience in energy management, sustainability planning, and data analysis.

Internship Expectations

Primary responsibilities for an intern may include:

- Read the City's Clean Energy Plan to understand how ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager data align with City initiatives.
- Read the City's WI-DNR Green Tier reports and data to understand how to support City staff with Green Tier annual reporting requirements.
- Meet with City Staff to establish overall goals and plans for the internship, including check-in dates and data entry deadlines; document key deadlines and dates for future internships to support sustainability data management at the City.
- Support collection and tracking of utility data for City-owned facilities
- Enter data into the City's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager account.
- Enter data into the City's WI-DNR Green Tier Legacy Program annual report.
- Analyze energy and sustainability data to assist in progress reporting relative to the City's Clean Energy Plan, WI-DNR Green Tier reporting requirements and other initiatives as directed by City Staff.

Other Considerations

- The City should consider the internal staff time and capacity required to support and supervise the intern, whether the role is managed internally or through an external partner.
- The City of Green Bay may be able to utilize MyMeter to automatically sync utility consumption to ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, reducing the data management burden for City staff and interns. Look for an "ENERGY STAR" or "Portfolio Manager" tab within the MyMeter portal to see if this is possible.
- If fleet information (number of vehicles, miles traveled, and gasoline and diesel consumption data) is available, an intern may be able to collect and track fleet-related data and provide additional efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction insights to the City.
- If data is available, an intern may be able to carry out the Clean Energy Plan recommendation to normalize carbon and energy consumption data against number of people, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, and housing units.
- Based on City Staff interest and availability, an intern may be able to support tracking and/or progress toward the interim 2030 goals outlined in the Clean Energy Plan.

