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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: White, Beheler, Roethle, and Saltes. Absent: Best and Grabe. Also Present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Public Comments
None
- 3) Consent Agenda
Motion by Beheler to recommend approval, seconded by Roethle. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of August 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Green Team Update
 - c. Adopt a Municipality Reports
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a. Green Team Report
No discussion.
 - b. Bike City Designation
Roethle reported that Administrator Owen completed his sections. Roethle has created and distributed a survey. He will continue the survey and provide a summary for next month's meeting. From the initial responses there is an interest in assisting with the application process. Administrator Owen will connect Roethle with the Chamber of Commerce to assist with the application.
 - c. Proclamation Requesting Consideration of Sustainability Features including Planting Native Plants at new Park at Lukken Farm
Chair White read the proclamation. The committee had the following revisions: Changing Whereas to one word; the in the fourth paragraph, change greater than 50% to no less than 50%, and clarify the plants should be native to Southern Wisconsin; the fifth paragraph, change

encourages to recommends and planning to planting and unused to designated open; the seventh paragraph, add if feasible after where appropriate; add BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the plan design and native plant choices be reviewed by the SNR Committee. Administrator Owen will make the changes for consideration at the next committee meeting.

d. Discussion on 2026 Budget Request

White reported that the recommended budget was \$1,500. Administrator Owen reported that he felt the Sustainability Council Membership wouldn't be a good use of our limited budget and noticed some of our partners, Sustain Dane and Slipstream, are already members. The Committee agreed. Beheler mentioned the possibility of budgeting for restoring lawns disturbed by street and utility projects with native seeds rather than typical grass seeds or sod. White felt that was a utility or street budget item. Administrator Owen will discuss with the Village Engineer.

e. Update on Sustainability Plan

Saltes will reach out at the end of the month for an update from the Nelson institute, if their is no interest he will persue a partnership with UniverCity.

f. Update on Slipstream Public Engagement Forum

White reported on the September 30th Event. Administrator Owen noted Slipstream is looking for volunteers to man display boards. White and Roethle volunteered. Administrator Owen noted he will be putting together a quorum notice so all SNR members can attend without issues.

5) Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include: Aproval of the Lukken Park Proclamation, Native seeds for Nesheim project, Lake Street Stormwater and General Storm water Presentation, Sustainability Plan Update, Bird City Report, Bike Friendly City Update, Recap of Slipstream Engagement Meeting and Final Report, Budget Update, Green Team Report.

6) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Saltes to adjourn, seconded by Roethle. Motion carried. 7:51 p.m.