

Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
September 8, 2025

Committee Members Present: Miguel Pena, Alisa Leamy, Lori Whitman, Kaci Coconate, Michael Allen (6:05 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Nathan Berg, Christine Mania

Staff Present: Lee Igl, Public Works Director; Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Phil McDade, Utility Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Miguel Pena called the joint meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Motion by Pena, second by Leamy, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

4. BUSINESS

a. Discussion and action to recommend to the Village Board Resolution 2025-23, a resolution approving electric vehicle Host Site Agreement with Dane County grant at 6001 Broadhead Street and 6001 Exchange Street.

Thao presented information on the village successfully receiving a grant through Dane County to install up to six electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at the village's Public Safety Center on Broadhead Street and municipal parking lot at the intersection of Exchange and Bashford streets. The county will pay for the initial installation of the stations, along with maintaining the stations for five years after installation. The EV stations will become municipal property after those five years. Motion by Leamy, second by Allen, to recommend to the Village Board Resolution 2025-23, a resolution approving electric vehicle Host Site Agreement with Dane County grant at 6001 Broadhead Street and 6001 Exchange Street. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding issuing a Request for Proposal for installation of a photovoltaic system for Lift Station #2.**

Igl discussed with the committee a plan to install solar panels at the village's new lift station to help generate power for the operations of the lift station, similar to solar panels on the village's Public Works building and Public Safety Center. Motion by Leamy, second by Allen, to recommend to the Village Board to issue a Request for Proposal for installation of a photovoltaic system for Lift Station #2. Motion carried 5-0.

- c. Discussion regarding establishing a Seed Library.**

The committee discussed re-starting a seed library as part of sustainability initiatives not in the village's long-term Sustainability Plan. Committee members discussed the village's previous seed library program, which ran from 2015-2018 but was discontinued. Committee members requested that staff reach out to communities offering seed libraries – specifically Madison and Oregon – to gather more information on how those program work.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Pena motioned to adjourn; Leamy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.