

**Red Wing Sustainability Commission  
Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
May 29, 2025**

**Members Present:** Chair Kristen Bandurski; Commissioners Mark Berman, Maddie Brown, and Dan Evanson

**Members Absent:** Commissioners Shawn Carney, Hugh Brown, and Joshua Meyer; Council Liaison Kim Beise

**Others Present:** Brandy Howe, Staff Liaison

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bandurski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted. Commissioners Bandurski, Berman, M. Brown, and Evanson were in attendance.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Bandurski led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Red Wing Sustainability Vision & Mission Statement**

Chair Bandurski read the Sustainability Commission Vision & Mission Statement.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner M. Brown and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Motion to Approve Minutes.**

- 1. July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. August 27, 2024, Workshop Minutes.**
- 3. September 24, 2024, Workshop Minutes.**
- 4. November 12, 2024, Workshop Minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner M. Brown and unanimously carried, to approve the meeting and workshop minutes as drafted.

**7. Election of Officers**

Staff Liaison Howe reviewed the nomination and election process. The roles and responsibilities of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Pro Tem positions were discussed. Given the limited number of commissioners present, it was suggested to consider scheduling a special meeting to conduct the election.

## **8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **9. Motions & General Business**

### **A. Review the Rules and Policies and Vote on Two Segments of the Document: Section 9 – Order of Business and Section 11 - Public Comment.**

Staff Liaison Howe provided background information regarding the Rules and Policies for City of Red Wing Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Language from Section 9 and Section 11 was reviewed. It was clarified that Boards and Commissions may request modifications to the order of business and the public comment procedure to meet their needs. The Statement of Intent was discussed. Potential modifications to the order of business were discussed. The public comment procedure was reviewed, and a three-minute time limit for public comments was discussed.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt the order of business for Sustainability Commission meetings as discussed.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to remove the pledge of allegiance from the meeting agenda.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to remove the Statement of Intent from the meeting agenda.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to allow the Sustainability Commission the flexibility to add topical items to the meeting agenda.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt the public comment procedure as discussed.

## **10. Communication Items**

### **A. Finance Report.**

Staff Liaison Howe reviewed the Sustainability Commission budget. The possibility of encumbering funds from the 2024 budget toward 2025 projects was discussed. Potential expenses relating to the Jay McCleary Award were discussed.

### **B. Subcommittee Reports.**

Commissioner Evanson provided a Bee City USA update. Discussions with Public Works staff relating to the No Mow May initiative and pollinator lawns were summarized, and Chair Bandurski provided additional information.

Educational information that has been posted to the Sustainability Commission page of the City's website regarding pollinator lawns and ways to support

pollinators was reviewed. A pollinator garden map was referenced. A potential City ordinance regulating pollinator lawns was discussed, and the process was reviewed. Management of resident concerns and a potential registration process for pollinator lawns was discussed. A list of definitions was reviewed.

Next steps were discussed. It was suggested to gather additional information, clarify definitions, research the best practices and policies utilized by other communities, further discuss potential policy language, and provide a recommendation in this regard. It was suggested to add this topic to the agenda for the next Sustainability Commission workshop.

The pollinator lawn demonstration project and potential future plantings in Featherstone Park were discussed.

**C. City Council Liaison Report.**

Council Liaison Beise was not in attendance.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting and workshop schedule were reviewed, and scheduling challenges were discussed. Future agenda topics were referenced. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.