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TO: Members of the Common Council
FROM: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford 
DATE: December 15, 2022
RE: Confirmation of Advisory Panel on Sustainability and Climate Resilience Appointments

It is with pleasure that I present the following appointments for your confirmation at the December 21, 2022, Common Council meeting.

ADVISORY PANEL ON SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Michelle Bachaus	1 Year Term	Term Ends December 2023
Charlie Goff	1 Year Term	Term Ends December 2023
Samuel Gunderson	1 Year Term	Term Ends December 2023

Michelle Bachaus is the Community Engagement Manager for the Wisconsin Bike Fed as well as a League Cycling instructor and teaches Urban Riders and Savvy City Cycling for Appleton Parks and Rec. She has travelled by bike on several self-supported international trips and is happy to share stories to encourage others. Michelle looks forward to helping the City of Appleton consider active transportation in policy and departments and hopes to build confidence that short trips by bike are easy, fun, and good for the environment.

Charlie Goff has been a general partner with NEW Capital Fund, Little Chute for the past 17 years. He is a former president of Forward Enterprises, Appleton, where he served for 20 years. Charlie is or has been involved with the board of directors of Azco, Keller, WOW Logistics, 11 NEW Capital Fund portfolio companies across Wisconsin and Minnesota, the Wisconsin Technology Council. He has served two terms as an Appleton Alderperson, was a commissioner on the Appleton City Plan Commission and Appleton Parks and Recreation Committee and served as treasurer of the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity and treasurer of UWO Fox Cities Foundation. Charlie is interested in the cost/benefit analysis of sustainability initiatives.

Sam Gunderson has been an Appleton resident for the last seven years after graduating from South Dakota School of Mines with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He is an Applications Engineer for TANN Corporation, a company headquartered in Kaukauna that builds air pollution control equipment. Sam is excited for this opportunity to serve the community and help shape the future of Appleton.

Megan Horejs	2 Year Term	Term Ends December 2024
Ronald Jones	2 Year Term	Term Ends December 2024
Margret Mann	2 Year Term	Term Ends December 2024
Heather McCombs	2 Year Term	Term Ends December 2024

Megan Horejs is the Sustainability Manager at Evergreen Credit Union. In this position, she has coordinated an energy audit and applied to Energy Star, which resulted in the credit union's second branch becoming Energy Star certified for the first time. Megan holds a BA in Environmental Policy and Planning from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay. While a student, she volunteered with the Farmory and New Leaf Foods. She also sat as the environmental chair in student government. Megan thanks you for taking this important step toward a future-conscious, new way of life.

Ron Jones has been an Appleton resident for over 42 years. Ron has a BA in Forest Management and has worked as a professional forester since 1976; thirty-five years with the Wisconsin DNR Forestry Program and the last 11 years as a part-time consulting Forester. Ron enjoys serving the community and making Appleton a better place to live by leading a Care of Creation Team at his church, an active member of the local Citizen Climate Lobby group, and a member of ESTHER Environmental Justice Task Force.

Margi Mann has been an Appleton resident for 27 years. She currently works at Kohler on a marketing strategy and innovation team focused on aging, women, and sustainability insights and innovation. Prior to that Margi worked as a sales and marketing professional at Kimberly Clark. She received her BA from St Norbert College and her MBA from Marquette University. She also serves on the Appleton Public Library Board of Trustees and has served as an Appleton Alderperson in the past. Margi is committed to helping us develop a healthy and sustainable city.

Heather McCombs is the author of the LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide, v.4 and is a lecturer in the Sustainable Management graduate program at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She has an MS in Organizational Leadership and Quality from Marian University, a BFA from California Institute of the Arts, and an Associate in Interior Design from Fox Valley Technical College. McCombs became a LEED AP in 2008 and taught exam prep for the LEED Green Associate exam at Fox Valley Technical College. In 2011 – 2013 as Executive Director of the USGBC WI chapter, McCombs brought hundreds of green building and design educational opportunities to Wisconsin. McCombs' textbook is used worldwide as a tool to introduce the core concepts of sustainability to students and professionals in many fields. McCombs presents nationally at education conferences on sustainability curriculum for secondary and post-secondary levels. She currently leads USGBC's LEED Prep-Take-Teach for secondary and post-secondary teachers.

City Department Head

Dean Gazza	No Term
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City Project and Resiliency Manager

Steve Schrage	No Term
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