



**CITY OF WAUWATOSA**  
**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • JUNE 26, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

**Common Council Chambers**

**7:30 PM**

7725 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Kathleen Causier	Aldерwoman	Present	
Tim Hanson	Alderman	Present	
Joel Tilleson	Alderman	Present	
Cheryl Berdan	Aldерwoman	Present	
Jason Wilke	Alderman	Present	
Matthew Stippich	Alderman	Present	
Michael Walsh	Alderman	Present	
Kelly Rifelj	Aldерwoman	Present	
Laura Conklin	Health Officer	Present	
Paulette Enders	Development Director	Present	
Tamara Szudy	Principal Planner	Present	
Alan Kesner	City Attorney	Present	
David Simpson	Public Works Director	Present	
Courtney Day	Nursing Supervisor	Present	

**1. 2019 Budget Item: Health Department annual report and Board of Health annual report**

Ms. Conklin combined the Board of Health and the Health Department annual report.

The presentation defined the Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) as a city with great services, a community of choice, a preferred location for businesses, organization of excellence, and a regional, state and national leader.

The Health Department must meet the following requirements:

- Conduct a public health nursing program
- Prevent, investigate, and contain diseases and injuries
- Prevent and abate human health hazards
- Collect, analyze, and share information
- Conduct community assessments, planning and programming

The Health Department can protect and assure the conditions for the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Wauwatosa through assessment of needs, assisting in the development of public health policies, and the provision of accessible, quality services,

Ms. Conklin addressed the eight service areas that are required to complete by state statute:

- Communicable Disease
- Immunizations
- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Maternal Child Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Health Assessment, Planning and Quality Improvement

- Epidemiology and Surveillance
- Code Enforcement, Inspection and Licensing

The public health nursing service highlights included communicable disease investigations, help in containment of illness outbreaks, administered vaccines, influenza and immunization awareness, the Adult Health Clinics. The environmental health service highlights covered environmental health inspections including human health hazards, rodent/pest investigations, animal bite reports, and food establishment inspections.

Ms. Conklin spoke about the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) being the result of a two year assessment of health strengths and needs in Wauwatosa. Priority areas to work on over the next five years are:

- Mental health and awareness
- Substance abuse resource guide, education and awareness events, and medication collection events
- Personal safety to include emergency response, resident training, teen awareness of danger and distracted driving
- Injury prevention program to reach at risk seniors, promoting safety in walking and biking
- City-wide healthy eating through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) drop-off sites and nutrition education campaigns
- Physical activity by developing a Mayor's Fitness Challenge for work-site wellness of City employees and recreational opportunities for residents

Courtney Day, WHD Nursing Supervisor, was part of the development initiative to orient new public health nurses and professionals to current local public health department practices. This program will be presented at three national conferences in 2018.

Ms. Conklin reported some of the trends that WHD monitors for data and community responses to be:

- Substance use/misuse
- Reported mental health conditions
- Senior falls age 65 and older
- Infectious disease, mitigation and control of reportable communicable disease spread
- Health equity and health policies. **Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthier.**
- Workforce challenges to meet high demand services while experiencing budget deficiencies

The focus on the future for WHD is to become a sharps collection site for residents. This requires the purchase of additional sharp containers. It may also need additional funding source outside of grants. Other future plans are to conduct an environmental health assessment in Wauwatosa, and better data tracking, analysis and evaluation.

Barb Schoenherr, 1324 N. 74th Street, suggested the possibility of funding for a rodent abatement program. Creating centralized places that residents could get bait stations and bait, facilitating better extermination of rodents, and creating a healthier environment.

Pete Gaveras, 1244 N 86th Street, inquired whether there are sites for prescription drug collection and/or scheduled times during the year for this? Ms. Conklin replied that there are two prescription drug collection events each year, mid-April and mid-September. She stated that the Wauwatosa Police Department has a 24/7 drop off at the station.

Ms. Day specified the criteria for prescription and over the counter drug drop off at the Police Station as providing a picture ID to prove residency. Other questions regarding drop off issues can be found on the City's website under Services.

Cheryl Nenn, 2400 N. 58th Street, introduced the Take Back My Meds coalition and said that there are 120

places throughout Milwaukee County that have drop off boxes for unused medications. The sites and hours are listed on [takebackmymeds.com](http://takebackmymeds.com)

Jonathan Gundlach, 1250 N. 85th Street, inquired about the sharps program and Ms. Day explained that the pilot will be in September 2018 during the other collections. Following that collection event, the WHD will evaluate the needs and response of the community to potentially create a permanent collection site at the Health Department.

Committee members thanked the Health Department for their hard work. Questions were posed to Ms. Conklin regarding:

- Rodent abatement program
- Needs of the Health Department, and the possibility of increasing nursing staff
- Potential funding/grants for some of the programs

Ms. Conklin stated the needs of the WHD would be another half or full-time nurse position. She described that the processes for applying and receiving funding and/or grants has become more difficult.

This item was for informational purposes only. No action was taken

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INFORMATION ONLY</b>
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2. Memo from Health Officer requesting approval of a multi-year contract with Pfizer and West for an immunization education campaign

Ms. Day presented the City's immunization program and how the Affordable Care Act brought changes to the administration and tracking of immunizations. The process requires many hours of time for one of the nursing staff to track children that are behind in immunizations, contact their doctors, adjust the state-wide data base if necessary, and contact parents to encourage immunizations for their children.

Pfizer Corporation contacted Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) and introduced the Vaccine Adherence in Kids Program. Essentially Pfizer, along with their partner West, would provide the same service at no cost to the City. WHD provides the list of children's names and Pfizer does the outreach and tracking. This will allow WHD nursing staff back into the office to perform many other tasks. A three year contract, if successful, could expand to include a senior program for those residents over sixty that may require immunizations.

The Committee asked about families that move, and how are they contacted. Ms. Day replied that Pfizer has additional software with the ability to find the new address for families with children within the City. She also assured the Committee that Pfizer guarantees absolute confidentiality of the residents of the City.

It was moved by Ald. Stippich, seconded by Ald. Berdan to recommend approval of a three year contract with Pfizer to participate in the Vaccine Adherence in Kids Program.

Ayes: 8

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 7/3/2018 7:30 PM</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Common Council	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Matthew Stippich, Alderman	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cheryl Berdan, Alderwoman	
<b>AYES:</b>	Causier, Hanson, Tilleson, Berdan, Wilke, Stippich, Walsh, Rifelj	

### 3. Staff presentation regarding city-wide efforts toward lead outreach and abatement

Ms. Conklin and Mr. Simpson, gave the presentation on lead outreach and abatement in the City.

Ms. Conklin defined lead and where it is found in the environment. It is a natural element occurring in small amounts in the earth's crust. Lead is found in the air, soil, water, and in homes in the area.

The hazards of lead are commonly found in:

- Chipping or peeling paint
- Lead dust
- Lead in the soil around homes
- Water supply from lead lined pipes and laterals

Ms. Conklin stated that children are at highest risk of lead poisoning due to their growing bodies' absorption rate being more than adults.

The presentation showed the precautions that make lead poisoning 100% preventable. Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) recommends blood tests before age three to measure any lead in their blood. Homeowners should be testing paint and dust in the home if the home was built before 1978. Homeowners should use certified contractors when doing renovations. It is also important to stay up to date on current recalls of toys and toy jewelry and remove or discard appropriately.

Ms. Conklin provided information regarding a comprehensive lead exposure prevention program required by State Statute 254.15 and services provided by the WHD for State required follow-up.

Mr. Simpson explained how lead can enter drinking water through corroded lead pipes. He stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) in 1991. LCR is required to prevent lead and copper from contaminating drinking water. Wauwatosa's water is supplied by Milwaukee Water Works. They implemented corrosion control in 1996 and fully comply with the LCR and are very successful in reducing lead levels prior to corrosion control.

Mr. Simpson went on to explain the sources of lead in drinking water, and the water service types of material. The steps being taken to reduce lead in the water are as follows:

- Projects that involve water main relays include fully replacing the City owned portion of service lines with new High Density Polyethylene pipe
- Service repairs now replace City owned portion of the lateral instead of patching the leak
- Water filtering pitchers given to all homes with lateral disturbance by City work
- Encourage property owners to consider replacing their portion of the lead service line when the City replaces their portion

Senate Bill 48 created two options for assisting private property owners with the replacement of lead service lines.

Staff recommendations for increasing and expanding a lead exposure prevention program are as follows:

- Continue all water division programs including offering replacement of City owned lead service lines when property owners choose to replace their portion of the line as long as funding allows
- Develop a program that offers Water Utility funded water test kits to Wauwatosa residents who have children in their home age five or younger or have expectant mothers residing in the home. The City would allow residents to pick up a test kit at the Health Department and send the test kit in for analysis free of charge once every five years
- Develop a program that offers free replacement of the property owner's side of the lead service line for households with low income utilizing CDGB funding and the framework we have in place for Wauwatosa's Home Repair Program

Members of the public that wished to be heard were:

Barb Schoenherr, 1324 N. 74th Street, questioned when these options for lateral replacement and water filtering pitchers go into effect. She and neighbors were not approached.

Cheryl Nenn, 2400 N. 58th Street, stated options for implementing SB48 for those lower income residents that are unable to pay for replacement laterals. She said that other municipalities have subsidized up to 50% and the remainder could go onto the tax bill to be paid over time.

Diane Daglin, 8444 Hill Street, member of Interfaith Earth Network and Milwaukee Water Commons, suggested that while laterals are being replaced over time, the best option right now is to use filters. The programs Ms. Daglin is involved with promote the use of water filters and good nutrition.

Pete Gaveras, 1244 N 86th Street, stated that the City should offer lead testing to every resident and include pets.

The Committee asked questions regarding the amount of homes being tested for lead levels within the DNR requirements. Mr. Simpson verified that the DNR is looking for an average overall and not individual homes.

After further discussion between Mr. Simpson and the Committee about the initiatives, priorities of departments, and budget concerns, the Committee suggested that Mr. Simpson, the Water Department, and the Health Department submit a proposed program for consideration. Mr. Simpson stated that he would work with the other departments and develop a program for the Committee to review.

This item was for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INFORMATION ONLY</b>
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#### 4. Discussion to provide staff direction regarding parcel designation in the NE Quadrant of the County Grounds

Ald. Stippich introduced the item. He reviewed the issue to remove the "stall" in the process by modifying the plan to accommodate changes previously discussed and proceed with adoption of the plan. The request is to direct staff to revise the plan to identify the desire to protect and preserve certain areas in the Northeast Quadrant and move the revised plan for Plan Commission review and approval by the Common Council.

Members of the public were present to thank City Staff, the Committee, and those who worked hard in the process of rezoning, protecting and preserving this land for future land use as Special Purpose District-Conservation with exceptions noted. Those that expressed their thanks and shared their satisfaction with forwarding the revised plan were:

- Dain Maddox, 105 N. 88th Street
- Barb Agnew, 2276 N. 63rd Street

- Cheryl Nenn, 2400 N. 58th Street
- Barb Schoenherr, 1324 N. 74th Street
- Peter Gaveras, 1244 N 86th Street
- Jeremy Katz, 1418 N. 66th Street

Those people that submitted comment in support of conservation of this land but did not speak were:

- Rita Reinke, 1848 Ludington Avenue
- Jonathan Gundlach, 1250 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Street
- Andrew Spahr, 1279 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Street
- John Davis, 1253 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Street
- Jim Maurer, 1839-41 Ludington Avenue

Ms. Enders explained that any text inconsistent with the future land use map and rezoning to Special Purpose District-Conservation would be modified. She also stated that if there are any conditions or concerns pertaining to this specific item, whether from Committee or citizenry, would be considered before sending this to Plan Commission for review.

Ms. Enders mentioned the conservation easements, the parceling off in order to re-zone would be part of the implementation.

It was moved by Ald. Wilke, seconded by Ald. Hanson to remove the Wauwatosa Life Sciences District Master Plan from its current "hold" status and provide direction to the Development Department Staff as follows: i) modify the portion of the plan that relates to the Northeast Quadrant consistent with the attached map identifying the primary future land use for this area as Special Purpose District - Conservation; ii) finalize the balance of the plan to appropriately reference the Northeast Quadrant; and iii) promptly introduce the final Wauwatosa Life Sciences District Master Plan to the City's Plan Commission for review with the following conditions:

- Continued dialog with the stakeholders (representative of the county ground coalition) to keep concerns/requests in consideration as the plan is modified prior to plan commission.
- Consideration of the Natural Resource Report from SEWRPC and the existing Guidelines of the Habitat Protection Plan to recognize habitat and species concerns to prevent impact.
- Include and prioritize in the implementation /action steps: pursue rezoning parcels of the NE Quadrant SP-Conservancy (including CSM required) - pursue preservation in perpetuity all parcels SP-Conservancy
- The conditions of the May 9, 2017 CAC hold action (especially #2 and #4) are still upheld in the event any development proposal in the NE Quadrant comes forward prior to Wauwatosa Life Sciences District Plan is adopted.

Committee discussion clarified that Ald. Wilke's motion, with the added conditions, gets the process going in order to adopt a plan that will amend the Comprehensive Plan and protect this land as Special Purpose District-Conservation.

Ms. Enders stated that the Development Departments intention was to take the outstanding "hold" items and put them into implementation in the draft Master Plan.

Mr. Kesner commented that the best way to manage implementation of those conditions is to direct Staff to redraft the plan as it was previously drafted, take those conditions into account as part of that, and when the process is completed, the Council will have opportunity to determine whether the conditions have been appropriately addressed before approval.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: 8

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>STAFF DIRECTION [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jason Wilke, Alderman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tim Hanson, Alderman
<b>AYES:</b>	Causier, Hanson, Tilleson, Berdan, Wilke, Stippich, Walsh, Rifelj