

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
Agenda Ad Hoc NERR Advisory Committee
Friday, May 7, 2021
Crossroads at Big Creek
9:00 am

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Public Comment.
4. Resolution Establishing the National Estuarine Research Reserve Committee.
5. Consideration of: UWGB NERR Update.
6. Consideration of: Prospectus and Video Update.
7. Consideration of: Outreach Strategy Update.
8. Adjourn.

NOTE: DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA ORDER SHOWN MAY OCCUR.

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City Committees may be present at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. If a quorum of a Committee, does attend, this may constitute a meeting of the aforementioned Committee and is noticed as such, although no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Posted:
Date: 05/06/21
Time: 8:40 am
By: Laurie S.

NERR Advisory Members
Mark Holey, Co-Chair
Caitlin Oleson, Co-Chair
Laurel Hauser
Gregg Meissner
Marty Olejniczak
Christopher Sullivan-Robinson
Steve Jenkins
David Ward
Josh VanLieshout

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Sturgeon Bay has, by its Comprehensive Plan, included the recommendation of establishing Sturgeon Bay as a center for aquatic and environmental research; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling this recommendation includes the following actions:

- Continue to support the establishment of a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in the Sturgeon Bay
- Continue to strengthen its partnership with the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay, Door County and others
- With the creation of the NERR, explore additional opportunities for complimentary research, industry and services that establish the City as a destination and hub for environmental research; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Sturgeon Bay and Door County Board of Supervisors have previously indicated their support by passing resolutions IN 2919 AND 2917 aimed at obtaining a NERR designation for the bay of Green Bay; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay by action of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have selected the bay of Green Bay as the location for a National Estuarine Research Reserve; and

WHEREAS, a small group of citizens, environmental, business, and local government leaders have coalesced around the idea of making Sturgeon Bay and Door County the principal site for the NERR research operations and have done much work and determined that the Sturgeon Bay would be well served by, and likewise could serve well the interests of water research and water science by leveraging public and community assets including: Sturgeon Bay's deep water ports, proximity to the whole of the Bay of Green Bay, and long established commitment to environmental stewardship and philanthropy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of City of Sturgeon Bay, that the Mayor is authorized to form a special committee whose charge is to attract public headquarters of the NERR facility(ies) to Sturgeon Bay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

- The committee shall consist of no more than nine members and comprised of environmental, business, civic and community members
- Will meet on a regular basis and be considered an ad hoc committee of the City, subject to all the open meetings rules as required by law.

- On behalf of the City identify locations for facilities within the community for submission to the NERR site selection committee, assemble and create materials for submission to the NERR Site Committee,
- Engage the public to garner support for siting the NERR in Sturgeon Bay,
- Establish a budget for approval by the Common Council for site attraction and selection activities

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Sturgeon Bay Common Council this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Attest:

Stephanie L. Reinhardt, Clerk