



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Amended COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, October 15, 2012

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 103A (City-County Building)  
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 -  
Anita Weier; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Timothy D. Baker and James P. Bennett
- Absent:** 2 -  
Jennifer L. Giegerich and Patricia J. Gadow
- Excused:** 1 -  
Reginald N. Weide

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Bennett, to Approve the Minutes.  
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. 27989 Summary by staff on DNR study results from Kipp site

Brynn Bemis presented information available on the DNR website (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/kipp.html>) that showed contamination in properties surrounding the Kipp site. There are three areas of concern with regards to the Kipp site: soil vapor, soil contamination, and a plume of groundwater contamination. 21 homes were recommended to have mitigation systems for soil vapor contamination (PCE), and 19 have been installed so far. PCB is present in soils, but not in excess of regulation limits on the surrounding properties, though levels are above standards on the Kipp property. Kipp has hired a new consultant and is now approaching the issue more aggressively than previously. They have installed two (very expensive) deep wells to investigate the groundwater plume. The City is investigating installing a sentinel well between the site and Well 15 - particulars are still being worked out so as to avoid possible contamination of the deep aquifer. Presently there are two lawsuits against Kipp, and the EPA just issued an air pollution citation as well.

A question was raised by citizen Maria Powell regarding the source of PCE (groundwater off-gassing or soil)--Brynn said it isn't known whether it's from groundwater or soil vapor, however, we do know that the shallow water table wells along Marquette are non-detect for PCE.

- 2. [18528](#) Discussion of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks Residue

Soil and plant samples are currently being processed by SPAL (Soil & Plant Analysis Lab) on the UW campus. Results should be available early December. Brynn and Jim will work collaboratively on a report of the findings. There may be some money left over after the analysis, but further discussion will wait until the analysis is completed.

### REPORTS

- 3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The City is working with DNR and USGS (with outside funding from several other sources) on a 5-year leaf collection study. The study will show the water quality impacts of our current practice, an escalated leaf collection program, and a minimal collection program. Results will have statewide impact for municipalities who are required to control their phosphorus and sediment runoff per their stormwater discharge permit as issued by DNR.

More info:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/stormwater/LeafStudy.cfm>

- 4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

none

- 5. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Former committee member Dan Melton forwarded his notes from the October SWAC meeting: Discussion included the landfill expansion and digester. City and county staff (and others) are working together on landfill waste issues. The expanded portion of the landfill should be open by 6/2014. There wasn't interest in closing the existing landfill, as that would have meant a difficult task of trying to site a new landfill. Expanding the existing site to the east is a much easier sell.

- 6. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

The Board received a report from the Director of Environmental Health that PCE has dropped below DNR action levels at the Kipp site. Also, there are 30 sites with PCE/soil vapor issues (likely due to historical dry cleaners, etc) near Well 15 that continue to be monitored.

- 7. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

1. Welcome to a new member, Timothy Baker.
2. Dan Melton was recently appointed as a Solid Waste Advisory Committee

member; since he is no longer a COE member, this position will need to be re-appointed. Members decided to wait until November to do so.

3. Calendars for 2013 COE schedule were handed out.

8. [19947](#)

Discussion of Future Items

Former committee member Roger Bannerman will come in November to discuss his research on chloride levels in Lake Wingra. Bennett also voiced an interest in having George Dreckmann discuss the bio-digester and the pilot organics collection.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Weier, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.