



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, July 18, 2024

5:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 215 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

**Present:** 5 - Michael E. Verveer; Adam J. Plotkin; MGR Govindarajan; Sandra J. Torkildson and Stephen Smith

**Excused:** 4 - Juliana R. Bennett; Ted Crabb; Davy Mayer and Ayden C. Fowler

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Torkildson, to Approve the May 16, 2024 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61242](#) Public Comment

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

2. [81578](#) Report of Mall Concourse Maintenance and Special Events 2024

Mark Kiesow gave an update on Mall Concourse Maintenance activities. He began with an update on sidewalk repair and merchant trash collection. The fountains on the square are partially operating with the lower elements working but the tower portion needing repair. Assuming funding is available, the fountain repair would occur in 2025-2026. Light poles painting is occurring, with three quarters of the square complete. Traffic engineering will be working on their poles in the future. Poster kiosks were repainted, but lighting needs replacement and is scheduled. On Wisconsin Avenue, the lawn area was replaced with liriope. Smith asked about snow removal and Metro stops. Mark Kiesow stated he met with Metro about BRT and discussed a potential plan where MCM would remove snow and Metro would reimburse them. Alder Verveer asked about Carroll Street sidewalk repair, the ramp at Hawthorne Court and the fountains.

3. [81580](#) State Street 2024 Pedestrian Mall Experiment

Dan McAuliffe gave a brief update of the Pedestrian Mall Experiment. Paint is variable

condition, with some areas being worn. Benches have been frequently hit by vehicles. Flamingos are in good condition. Overall activity is up a half percent from the previous year and survey respondents indicated they will be coming to State Street more as a result of the experiment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Verveer, seconded by Plotkin, to Adjourn at 6:16 pm.  
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**