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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 15, 2016

4:30 PM

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Katt-Reinders at 4:36 p.m., following verification that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been properly noticed.

Present: 7 - Zach Wood; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Timothy D. Baker; Katherine R. Mitchell; Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders and Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 1 - Tyler D. Leeper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ald. Wood, seconded by Lasky to Approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 11, 2016. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [41781](#) Report of the Chair

On behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Chair Katt-Reinders expressed condolences to the family of long time member Steve Fix, who passed away. A card was circulated for members to sign.

2. [41782](#) Election of COE Vice Chair

Motion made by Lasky, seconded by Gadow to elect Baker as Vice Chair.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [41783](#) Discussion item: City's budget cycle and budget process

Ald. Wood presented a general timeline of the City's process for developing and passing the capital and operating budgets.

4. [41795](#) Discussion item: Implementation of budgeted initiatives - COE role

The committee discussed identifying a couple of priorities that fall under the capital budget and a couple under the operating budget to show support for. Engage in outreach to other City committees that have similar interests to strengthen letters of support. Pollinator protection, water softener optimization/replacement in City facilities, greenway management mentioned as potential focus areas. Committee discussed ranking work priorities at April meeting.

REPORTS

5. [41784](#) Report from Board of Public Works

No report.

6. [41785](#) Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore noted the City of Madison conducted an 11 year program to replace all lead water service lines.

7. [41786](#) Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Baker reported the Solid Waste Committee toured Middleton's biodigester.

8. [41787](#) Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

**Lasky reported Public Health Madison & Dane County was one of seven U.S. cities to receive a grant to connect children with nature. A kick-off event will be held at the Warner Park Community Center on March 5. (More information is available on the City's web page:
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/madison-selected-as-one-of-7-cities-to-connect-children-to-nature>)**

Lasky also noted that the Public Health Department is sensitive to the health effects of lead. The City's action level is set at the lowest level that triggers a response.

Lasky also noted Public Health is monitoring for Zika virus.

9. [41788](#) Staff Report

Mike Dailey, Assistant City Engineer, shared an update about Green Madison and Energy House Parties.

Committee quorum issues by request of Mayor Soglin were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ald. Wood, seconded by Lasky to Adjourn, Motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.