



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes SUSTAINABLE MADISON 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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Monday, November 22, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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The City of Madison is holding the Sustainable Madison Committee meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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  - Listen to audio via phone:  
(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)  
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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM by Chair LeZaks

**Present:** 11 - Tag Evers; Grant Foster; Regina M. Vidaver; Nikki Conklin; Heather M. Driscoll; Lance E. Green; Jesse J. Shields; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Samuel J. Dunaiski; Sujata Gautam and James R. Alvin

**Excused:** 2 - Richard J. Pearson and Denise DeMarb

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Shields seconded by Green to Approve the Minutes of the September 2021 meeting.

The motion passed by voice vote/other

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment  
  
None

## DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Driscoll disclosed in regards to Agenda Item #5 Update: City/MGE Agreement and Working Group that her husband works for the Public Service Commission.

## PRESENTATION

2. Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)  
  
Presentation by Prof. Steve Vavrus, Nelson Center for Climatic Research at UW Madison on the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI).  
  
Questions / Discussion from members.

## PUBLIC HEARING

3. Natural Hazard Mitigation Strategies  
  
Staff Ed Ruckriegel provided an overview of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning process and the draft strategies (68465).  
  
Questions from members about storm shelters, using batteries storage rather than generators, connection with the City's current watershed flooding studies. Staff from Engineering - Stormwater answered questions related to watershed flooding studies (Greg Fries and Jojo O'Brien). Staff Stacie Reece reported on the City's feasibility study for using microgrids, solar, and battery storage to improve resilience at two city critical facilities.

## PRESENTATION

4. 350.org Madison: Buildings Program Report  
  
Susan Millar with 350 Madison presented on their report "Green Building Incentive Programs: Progress in Selected Cities" which was released in August 2021 (68467).  
  
Questions / Discussion from members

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Update: City/MGE Agreement and Working Group  
  
Staff Stacie Reece presented on the MGE and City of Madison collaboration progress report (55127)  
  
Questions / Discussion from members
6. Working Group Updates

**Sustainability Plan Update:**

- Sam Dunaiski presented updates to the Energy and Emissions chapter
- Questions / Discussion from members

**Environmental Justice Working Group:**

- Heather Driscoll summarized working group progress, recent presentation from Tariq Saqqaf, and community events and projects focused on environmental justice

**Zero Waste Working Group:**

- Staff Stacie Reece provided updates on the working group progress, including connections that have come from the USDN grant, the new Yahara sustainable business park, and USDA grant to expand community composting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ald. Evers seconded by Green to Adjourn.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.