



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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*Jonathan Standridge, Chair; Keith Pierce, Vice Chair; Ald. Larry Palm; Michael Rewey;
Roger Bannerman; Reginald Weide; Theresa Stabo; Bruce Dickie; Bill Sonzogni;
Executive Secretary Michael R. Dailey; Staff: Greg Fries, Genesis Bichanich*

Monday, July 17, 2006

4:45 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Standridge called meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Larry Palm, Jonathan H. Standridge, Roger T. Bannerman, Bruce C. Dickie and Keith W. Pierce

Absent: Bill Sonzogni

Excused: Michael W. Rewey, Theresa Stabo and Reginald N. Weide

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pierce, Seconded by Alder Palm, Unanimous approval

REFERRED ITEMS

1

Amending Section 8.15 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish requirements and procedures for public lands or greenway use permits.

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Bannerman, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS :

(1) No appeal process if resident wants to plant trees and is denied permission by city staff.

(2) Board of Public Works defines legal separation and functional differences between greenways for stormwater management and other rights of way.

(3) Board of Public Woks should evaluate Traffic Engineering's current review and permit process for allowing planting in rights of way.

(4) Board of Public Works should review or establish criteria for accepting or denying trees to be planted in greenways.

(5) Ordinance should be rewritten such that it is acceptable by the City Attorney.
The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Sonzogni
Excused: Rewey, Stabo and Weide
Aye: Bannerman, Dickie and Pierce
Abstain: Palm
Non Voting: Standridge

2 Reviewing the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) of the City Engineer for Operation and Maintenance of the Madison Sewer Utility.

Accept

Report was brought to Commission for Informational Purposes only. This was first required annual report of sanitary sewer system; city received good marks.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

3 **Discuss issue of disposal of unused prescription drugs**

Staff from Health Department has already been looking into this issue; they will come to a future Commission meeting to give a report.

4 **Discuss environmental impacts of Park's reduced mowing practices**

Commissioners discussed whether it would be helpful to write a letter supporting reduced mowing measures. Mayor's office has already agreed to study the benefits by using the boulevard along John Nolen Drive as a test site. Commission shall review the collected data at a future meeting.

5 **Discuss PAH/seal-coating issue and possible formation of a subcommittee**

Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission has already formed a subcommittee to look at this issue; Commissioner Bannerman has been asked and agreed to sit on the subcommittee and chair it. He recommended one other Commission on the Environment member join as well.

Motion by Bannerman to name Bannerman and another Commission member (yet to be determined) to serve on Lakes and Watershed subcommittee to review information on PAH's and seal coating; Seconded by Dickie; Unanimous approval.

Two members of the public, both involved in the sealcoating industry, spoke in favor of the industry, stating that seal coating reduces water penetration and oxidation of pavement surfaces and lengthens the lifetime of parking lots and driveways. They were in favor of a study to look more closely at the refined coal tar based seal coating and if it is a significant source of PAH's in the environment.

6 **Status of Joint Subcommittee between Lakes and Watershed Commission/ COE**

Nothing new to report on status of joint task force between Commission on the Environment and the Lakes and Watershed Commission. Bannerman and

Standridge will contact Brett Hulseley to begin process.

7 Update on Salt Reduction Subcommittee

Report not yet finished; will bring back on future agenda.

8 Discussion on Getting Items to Commission for Review

Alder Palm asked commissioners what topics they want to see on their agendas that could be referred from the Common Council. He and staff shall continue to bring items to the Commission they think are pertinent. In addition, when important items from COE are brought to the Common Council, Commission members could attend the meetings to speak on behalf of the COE.

9 Representative Reports

A Board of Public Works (Rewey)

Not present

B Board of Water Commissioners (Standridge)

Water Utility announced a new position that will aid in getting data/information out to public regarding the quality of our drinking water.

C Dark Sky Ordinance (Rewey)

Standridge noted that the lights at the new public pool do not meet Dark Sky Ordinance requirements.

D Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Weide)

Not present

E Staff Report (Dailey)

(1) Sent an email regarding the lights at the new pool to Harry Sulzer, who responded that they were installed incorrectly, and that they would be corrected in short order.

(2) Has been corresponding with Madison Gas & Electric regarding coming back to the Commission; staff will speak to Air Quality Subcommittee regarding this.

(3) Response letter was sent to Joan Lawrence regarding her concerns about the Odana Hills Golf Course pond infiltration project.

(4) Commissioner Rewey was reappointed as member

(5) Engineering staff is putting together a map of rain garden locations throughout the city in conjunction with the 1,000 rain gardens project.

(6) City Engineering received two grants from Dane County to install water quality improvement measures: one for a CDS device at Parr Street outfall, other for a rain garden behind Kipp along East Rail bike path.

10 FUTURE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Dickie, to Adjourn at 6:56 PM.
The motion passed by acclamation.