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Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, September 19, 2016

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 10 - Jaclyn D. Lawton; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Tracy E. Harvey and Stacie A. Reece

Excused: 4 - David Ahrens; Jason A. Vargo; Jeannette E. LeZaks and Richard A. Heinemann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve July Minutes made by Lawton, second by Campbell. Motion passed by voice vote/other. No August Minutes due to lack of quorum and cancellation of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [43380](#) Update on Energy Plan

Shukla reported that they are working with the Mayor's Office and MG&E on the MOU. Mayor's Office is taking the lead. LED street lights are being used. He had no news on whether the Energy Manager position is in the budget this year. Van Lith reported that the budget would be released on October 4th. Vickerman and Green expressed concern that the position may not be in the budget, because they see the position as playing a key role in working with regional partners to chart a path towards zero emissions as part of the CAP 2050 plan. Green asked about the status of PACE and benchmarking. Some discussion occurred. PACE is still being discussed at the state level program that was presented to the committee a few months back. Benchmarking is still under discussion and taking the path of being a voluntary program. Van Lith updated on the Facilities and Energy Leadership program and how it is helping City staff manage energy use in buildings.

2. [42193](#) Review the Madison Sustainability Plan and discuss what has been accomplished or is being worked on, what do we need more information to determine what is happening and what isn't getting worked on.

Attachments: [2016Sustainability Plan review and update.pdf](#)
[HIA740Reports \(2\).pdf](#)
[HIA740PresentationsSmall.pdf](#)
[THTFinalReport.pdf](#)
[Sustainability plan update - working doc.xlsx](#)
[Sustainability Plan Suggested Action 7-16.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan update-working doc 2.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan update-working doc 2.xlsx](#)
[SustainabilityPlanReview102016.pdf](#)
[SPlan4Cupdate102016.pdf](#)
[SPlan4Cupdate102016.xls](#)

Van Lith reviewed Excel spreadsheet and showed sort function. He will sort document by four sustainability categories identified as priorities by the committee—Natural Systems, Planning and Design, Carbon and Energy and Transportation. Report will have completed, in progress and no activity filtered information. Green asked about Madison In Motion Transportation plan presentation being presented on Tuesday and could committee get referral on plan when it is approved by Council—committee agreed. Van Lith will speak to Alder Ahrens about referral.

3. Progress reports from the Street Tree Sub-Committee and the Energy Goals Update Sub-Committee.

Green reported the sub-committee was in a learning mode. Forestry staff met with sub-committee to review and educate group on policy and practices. Group has learned about tree species, planting, street light clearance and that Forestry often play a ‘caboose’ role in planning around street reconstruction. Group learned that 15% of urban forest is street trees and that some cities have canopy goals. Group wants to look at how terrace trees might be thought of more inclusively in a ‘complete streets’ plan. Green reported that the WilMar center may receive a grant to look at partial undergrounding of transmission lines on Jenifer Street. Next meeting is October 10 at 10 AM in Rm 313 MMB.

Energy Goals Update Sub-committee: Shukla reported that group has set up a regular meeting time on the Friday afternoon (3:30 PM) before scheduled SMC meetings. Group is working on carbon emission goals and gathering more data on plans to reach zero-emissions.

Next meeting will have presentation by Planning group on the Comprehensive Plan and how to include sustainability principles throughout.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Lawton, second by Campbell. Motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned.