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## Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE CITY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR

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Wednesday, November 4, 2009

4:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
City County Building  
Room GR-22

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 12 -

Gary A. Brown; Sue Jones; Amanda F. White; Rob Kennedy; Thomas R. Dunbar; Erik J. Kass; Gregory A. Bollom; Garrick R. Maine; Peter J. Taglia; Michael J. Vickerman; David W. Drummond and Kassandra L. Remo

**Absent:** 4 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Paul D. Muench; Lucas K. Dailey and Catherine E. Mackin

**Excused:** 1 -

Sherrie Gruder

**Others present:** Karl van Lith and Jeanne Hoffman

### PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [13906](#) Update of Building a Green Capital City Plan
2. [16331](#) Review Planning Process Documents

**Review of Top 5**

**Tom Dunbar:** Talked about issues with bluegrass – no value. We need to look for other plant materials that provide benefits. Can be seen as a metaphor for other issues.

**Rob Kennedy:** In parking lots there are lots of containments are washed down the storm drains and into the lakes. UW will use tanks and trucks that will wash and suck up water and dispose of the right way. The UW will be doing this for all ramps.

**Kassie Remo:** Recycling efforts – It is difficult to figure out what to do and how to recycle. Needs to be a search engine on City's web site – type in what you want to recycle and the information comes up. Also need more education for children.

Greg Bollom: Develop community micro-grids. Not everyone can install solar, but they may be interested. How can people who want to be a part of solar system co-own a system?

Michael Vickerman: Using a public place like Olbrich Gardens to create an energy generation system.

Erik Kass: Creating a baseline for the school system or other entities – by having a baseline will impact the decisions you make. That right now is missing.

David Drummond: The need for sunshades for pedestrians and providing these types of amenities to make the urban environment more inviting.

Amanda White: What specific targets – numeric targets, maybe having fewer recommendations but that we have targeted goals.

Sue Jones: Locally sourcing materials for construction.

Garrick Maine: Develop a reporting framework – goals – and a way to track that work to show progress.

Gary Brown: Urban and rural storm water run-off and ways to deal with them.

Peter Taglia: Anaerobic digesters – for farm and organic waste.

Apply the Natural Step system conditions to one of the “top 5 ideas”

Karl van Lith: Talked about the TNS worksheet.

Greg Bollom: Right now our energy comes mostly from coal – which is almost all carbon. Distributed systems, wind, solar, digesters would lower that coal/carbon need. You would need to figure out how to store that energy.

Garrick Maine: Asked how big could these systems be (solar)?

Greg Bollom: Indicated that we don't know yet. Varies in size. There may be some sites for local wind. We need to see the long-term vision so that we don't do things that would prevent this from happening in the future.

Jeanne Hoffman: City has a USDOE grant to look at this for solar.

Rob Kennedy: How do we look at things that are planned?

Karl van Lith and Jeanne Hoffman: Indicated that it is part of baseline.

Karl van Lith: Talked about System Condition #2 and System #3 and System #4. City does a lot of TNS projects – City uses these worksheets.

Tom Dunbar: We need to think outside the box. Transportation and energy have a lot to do with the physical form of how we live. We need to think about that.

**Review Sustainability Baseline and Resources Document**

Karl van Lith and Jeanne Hoffman: Talked about the document.

Rob Kennedy: Lower VMT for City is one thing, regional is another.

Karl van Lith and Jeanne Hoffman: It is difficult to have the document only be about the City. Thrive is interested in regional and are interested in partnership.

Tom Dunbar: In order to have the measurement means something we need it to be City of Madison – with partnerships, etc regionally.

**Brainstorm possible major systemic Treats; systemic Opportunities**

Karl van Lith: Talked systemic threats and opportunities.

Rob Kennedy and Amanda White: Added threats.

Tom Dunbar: Talked about complete neighborhoods.

Jeanne Hoffman: Climate Change may be an opportunity to get everyone to do energy efficiency more aggressively.

Tom Dunbar: We need to incentive behavior that we want to see.

Michael Vickerman: Wanted to add local energy as an opportunity. Also wants to direct youth – careers/jobs that grow foods, weatherization, etc.

**Break into Sustainability Categories**

**ENVIRONMENT**

Sustainability Category: Natural Systems: Sue Jones and Garrick Maine

Sustainability Category: Energy and Climate: Peter Taglia, Michael Vickerman and Greg Bollom

Sustainability Category: Planning and Design: Tom Dunbar and David Drummond

Transportation: Amanda White and Rob Kennedy

**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY**

Sustainability Category: Economic Development

Sustainability Category: Employment and Workforce Training

**SOCIAL CAPITAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH – Erik Kass and Kassie Remo**

Sustainability Category: Education, Arts and Community

Sustainability Category: Affordability and Social Equity

Sustainability Category: Children, Health and Safety

Karl van Lith: Talked about homework including developing a Compelling Vision.

## ADJOURNMENT

Greg Bollom motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Taglia. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.