
Subject: Economic Development Committee Charge

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TO: Members of the Common Council and the Economic Development Committee:

I would like to be able to attend this evening's Economic Development Committee meeting since I see the agenda includes a presentation on the role of the Economic Development Committee. Previous commitments make it unlikely I can come. However I would like to share some thoughts on the changing role of the Committee.

As I work with staff on the "Connect Madison" Economic Strategy, I see that Committee and staff work includes equity related goals and strategies. At the same time, I also see that the charge of the Economic Development Committee as described in City ordinances does not make it clear that the Commission's duties include making recommendations relating to equity and increasing employment opportunities for all of Madison's residents. Nor does the ordinance make it clear that the Committee should be a forum for those who want to address employment opportunities for all Madison residents. I am working on ordinance changes to address these omissions. I welcome your advice and recommendations on these changes and the role of the Committee.

Sincerely,

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