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Meeting Minutes - Amended COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, January 28, 2013

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Anita Weier; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Mike DePue; Jennifer L. Giegerich; Timothy D. Baker; James P. Bennett and Patricia J. Gadow

Absent: 1 -

Reginald N. Weide

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Bennett, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. [18528](#) Discussion of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks Residue

Attachments: [NLS Water Samples Report, 12/8/10](#)
[COE Letter to Rhythm and Booms organizer](#)
[2012 Warner Park study - progress report](#)

Jim Bennett reviewed the preliminary information available from the 2012 Warner Park study. His handout (attached) included information about the number of samples, locations of samples, and quantity of samples having detectable limits. This is indicated on the handout as # samples BDL (below detectable limit), which just means the sample had a measurable amount of the pollutant, but does not indicate whether the limits are elevated. He hasn't reviewed the levels of the contaminants at this time, but will confer with Brynn Bemis, City Engineering, on setting a timeline to complete a report of the results. The report may also include suggestions for future studies/testing.

Mike Kakuska, 1701 Windom Way, Madison, was present to voice his concern about possible mis-information and unnecessarily scaring the public with unknowns at this time. The information that comes from the study needs to be put in perspective in how it impacts both environmental and public health. The relative contamination of typical urban stormwater could be compared to the data from the study. He also suggested all future public meetings be postponed until after the report is finished, or expedited if possible considering the pending Rhythm and Booms contact decision.

Alder Weier indicated that the recent meeting was held to receive public input

regarding the impacts of Rhythm and Booms on the neighborhood traffic, noise, etc., and that the intention was not to discuss environmental implications, though that issue was raised by the public.

Deb McCue, who works with the R/B contract, indicated it is usually in place by now, if not by late fall of the preceding year.

Brynn Bemis indicated that the results will likely be difficult to attribute directly to fireworks, as urban stormwater typically has elevated levels of heavy metals, and the Warner Lagoon functions primarily as a stormwater pond.

2. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

3. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

The Board continues to discuss connection of private wells to city supply and issues surrounding testing, etc. as well as ongoing water conservation efforts.

4. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

5. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

Board of Health also continues to discuss private well issues. Clean up efforts on the Kipp property are moving along more quickly than in the past.

6. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

Brynn Bemis, City Engineering, reported on the clean up progress of the old Don Miller site on the 800 block of E Washington Ave. Several grants were awarded to clean the contaminated site and prepare it for sale. The first potential buyer fell through, and the city has recently released a second RFP for the site, due mid-February. The city has undertaken initial remediation of the site in order to make it more attractive to potential developers.

Another nearby site at Union Corners, was fairly clean, though remediation was necessary for a contaminated area. Another small area on the property will need to be capped.

7. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

The 2012 Salt Report will be presented by Public Health staff at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gadow, seconded by Weier, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.