



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, March 19, 2013

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 -

Nan Fey; Justin O. Markofski; Madelyn D. Leopold; Aislynn H.C. Miller;  
Danna J. Olsen; Jill Schneider and Melissa Gavin

**Absent:** 2 -

Annette M. Nekola and Joseph E. Muellenberg

**Others present:** Marcia Harried - MATC student; Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office;  
Joe Mathers and Chris Brockel, CAC

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fey motioned to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Markofski.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

### NEW BUSINESS

Referrals from Food Policy Council - the committee will discuss and make recommendations on the following proposed ordinances:

[29178](#)

SUBSTITUTE Creating Section 8.32 of the Madison General Ordinances to allow edible landscaping on City-owned land.

**Attachments:** [Version 2](#)  
[Redline 2nd Substitute](#)  
[Version 3](#)

Woulf presented a summary of committee action to date to the committee.

Fey reported that the Parks Commission had a discussion on the length of time the permits would be issued and no consensus was reached.

Leopold explained the Parks Commission action on removing the indemnification clause. Affirmative responsibility would be placed on the planter; \$1 million insurance would have to be taken out by planter.

Woulf mentioned that a section directing staff to develop a policy will most likely be include in a 2nd substitute.

The committee reached consensus that included in its recommendations will be a 30 day notice requirement instead of 15.

Leopold expressed concern that onus should not be on permittee every year to renew permit.

Melissa wants to make sure each permit process to be consistent and not confusing for the applicants.

Woulf explained that policy should address the streamlined, consistent process.

Olsen would like signage to be required for some period of time when applying pesticides.

Leopold suggested that if an applicant has already completed a chainsaw safety course, that should be sufficient.

Motion (Melissa, Jill): To recommend adoption with the following conditions:

- 1) The notice sent to permittee and alderperson of removal shall be 30 days in advance.
- 2) The language "defend and indemnify" shall be removed.
- 3) There shall be a sign displayed for the spraying of pesticides and an allowable sign to inform the plantings are for public consumption.
- 4) Vehicle access shall be allowed for plantings and maintenance.
- 5) Agencies may review permits at any time, but there shall be no renewal of permits required.
- 6) If an applicant has previously completed a chainsaw safety course, they should not be required to complete an additional course.

Motion passed by a voice vote.

29241

Amending Section 10.25 of the Madison General Ordinances to create a terrace planting ordinance.

Woulf gave an overview of the ordinance proposal and explained what might be included in the policy to be created.

Fey explained the higher standard for raised beds and other structures in the terrace.

Muellenberg stated it would be helpful to have a list of approved examples.

Motion (Markofski, Gavin): To recommend adoption.

Motion passed by voice vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

24313

Meeting Schedule for 2013

Fey reported August and December meeting dates have not been decided. There will be no July meeting.

28453

Garden Leadership for Long-Term Sustainability

Attachments: [Garden Leadership Doc 10 23 2012.docx](#)  
[CAC draft Garden Compact 2013.doc](#)

Fey suggested that discussion should be postponed until all key people are at the table; make list of suggestions for potential CGC action/implementation. Fey motioned to refer to next meeting - Schneider seconded motion and motion passed by a voice vote.

**REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS**

- [28455](#) Food Policy Council Update  
**Woulf reported on revised FPC goals and Dan Carmody's visit.**
13. [08281](#) Parks Update  
**Leopold announced a grant was awarded to the Brittingham Garden for water.**
14. [18897](#) CDBG Update  
**No update.**
15. [14868](#) Planning Update  
**Fey reported the New Planning Director, Katherine Cromwell, has experience with Urban Agriculture.**
16. [08283](#) New Garden Fund  
**No update.**
17. [15100](#) Garden/CAC Reports  
**Reported full gardens for the 2013 season at many gardens. There are lingering questions over future of the Hill Farms site.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**None.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Fey motioned to adjourn the meeting - motion was seconded by Schneider.  
Passed unanimously by voice vote.**