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Meeting Minutes SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, August 5, 2024

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 4:33pm.

Present: 10 - MGR Govindarajan; Nikki Conklin; John P. Guequierre; Susan B. Millar; Samantha M. Worden; Erinn Monroe-Nye; Riley P. Willman; E. Cristina Carvajal; Samuel J. Dunaiski and Kimberly Cho

Excused: 3 - Nasra Wehelie; Heather M. Driscoll and Kai L. Brito

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes from the 06/24/24 meeting were approved by unanimous consent. Motion by Samantha Worden. Seconded by Alder Conklin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [82558](#) Public Comment

Attachments: [08_05_2024_SMC_Public_Comments.pdf](#)

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

2. [83601](#) SUBSTITUTE: Amending Section 27.05 of the Madison General Ordinances to refine lawn and property maintenance provisions.

Attachments: [062724_CC_public_comment.pdf](#)
[070224_CC_public_comments.pdf](#)
[08_05_2024_SMC_Public_Comments.pdf](#)
[080624_CC_public_comments.pdf](#)
[83601 - Version 1](#)
[83601 - Version 2](#)
[080724_CC_public_comments.pdf](#)
[080824_CC_public_comments.pdf](#)

Sustainable Madison Committee recommended action - return to lead with the following recommendations

MGO 27.05 (1) to include: Well-maintained properties **that maintain and foster either native vegetation or non-native grasses** enhance neighborhoods within the City by safeguarding the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, along with preserving property values.

MGO 27.05 (2) (f) to include: Landscaping, plantings, soil and other decorative surface treatments, **including intentionally planted native vegetation or non-native grasses**, shall be installed if necessary and maintained to present a safe condition and attractive well-maintained appearance in all court, yard, and terrace areas.

On a motion by Cristina Carvajal, seconded by Samantha Worden, the Sustainable Madison Committee voted to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS to the BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE, CONVEYANCE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS BOARD. The motion was passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [83420](#) Adopting the Sustainability Plan Update and directing staff to implement the recommendations in the plan.

Attachments: [Sustainability Plan EDC 17July2024.pdf](#)
[Madison Sustainability Plan-ReviewDraft_May 2024.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan_TC_12June2024.pdf](#)
[Public Comments_Plan Comm_07-08-24.pdf](#)
[Public Comments_SMC_08_05_2024_Plan.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan_SMC_5Aug2024.pdf](#)
[08_06_2024_Smart Growth's Comments_Sustainability Plan.pdf](#)
[080624_CC_public_comments.pdf](#)

On a motion by Riley Willman, seconded by Ald. Conklin, the Sustainable Madison Committee recommended adoption of the Sustainability Plan with the addition of a Safe Routes to School element to Goal #12, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, and changes to actions 6.4, 9.2, 9.3, and 17.5 suggested by staff.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Riley Willman motioned to recommend to council with the following recommendations. Alder Conklin seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Alder Conklin, seconded by Sam Dunaiski. Meeting adjourned at 5:55.