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Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, November 17, 2014

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to Order at 4:34 PM following verification by the Secretary that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Present: 9 - Rajan V. Shukla; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Jesse J. Shields; David P. Rhode; Chelsea Chandler; Richard A. Heinemann; Michael J. Vickerman and Bradley Campbell

Absent: 2 - David Ahrens and Zachary T. Schuster

Excused: 6 - Hans J. Hinke; John M. Conowall; John M. Robinson; Richard J. Pearson; Anya M. Firszt and Jeannette E. LeZaks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the Public registered to speak.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

1. [36157](#) Sustainable Madison Transportation Master Plan

Attachments: [TMP-Nov-2014.pdf](#)

David Trowbridge Transportation Planner from the City gave a presentation which is attached to this Legistar number.

Shields – Metro funding is flat and regional transit is bigger issue but have there been any discussion about CNG or Electric vehicles?

Trowbridge – We are not at this stage yet.

Breidenbach – Are you looking at different sizes and signal prioritization?

Trowbridge – Yes to signal prioritization. Metro did a bus size study a while ago – the face is that the cost is not in the bus but driver and you need to have a fleet for peak demand. Might look at feeder lines.

Green – Is there any portion of this report looking at inter-city transit?

Trowbridge – Commuter buses would also be considered for outside communities.

Shukla – With BRT there are issues with State and Federal funding. Is there anything that is actionable right now and how can we support you?

Trowbridge – Streets are rebuilt and designed for walkers and bikers through the Capital Budget. We are also looking for ideas of projects that are needed – a bike path for example and yes there are issues with public transit funding.

Shukla – We need to know about this. Please keep us informed as the project moves along

Trowbridge – We will get you on the list.

2. [36158](#) Sustainable Madison Committee Working Groups
a. Task: ID necessary support for work objectives

Shukla – How can our work get the sustainability plan accomplished and what information do we need to get going on that work.

Green – SMC should be staying on top of all that is happening regarding in these topics in the plan and also advising other committees on the plan.

Groups broke up into subgroups.

The groups reconvened together – to have a discussion with the whole committee.

Natural Systems

Green – Lot of this section is about water, drinking, storm water, and lakes. Need to look at water conservation. Looking at conservation and how the Water Utility can we do a better job. Looking at doing a rate case that encourages conservation. Also look at grey water systems. Also need to look at storm water and wetlands.

Trees – we are about to lose thousands of trees. What can we do to save our trees? Is there a way to do it safely?

Shulka – Looks like we need to have someone from Water Utility, Engineering and Forestry talk about these issues.

Carbon and Energy

Heinemann – Energy Pathways from Mpls. Entered into a deal with utilities - entered into a MOU – where the two groups sit down to talk about how to achieve sustainability goals.

Shulka – When will the public process happen?

Shields – By first quarter of 2015. Waiting for rate case is done – then MGE will start the process. The conversations will be put together by certain group needs. MGE is doing some meetings now.

Heinemann – There is language in the statues regarding Public Rights of Way– which is not used, but it could be.

Hoffman – The City and MGE already had a MOU. To fund sustainability things.

Vickerman – When did this MOU start?

Hoffman – Need send out copy of MOU.

Shulka – Any way to track carbon?

Hoffman – Talked about ICELI and our reports. Hoffman will email these reports out to all SMC members.

Chandler – We could look at getting a better software?

Hoffman – Committee needs to decide if ICELI is not good enough.

Shields – There is a report that ECW and MGE did with UW on carbon emissions. On MGE web site.

Planning and Design

Campbell – Need to know where we are at with these goals. BRT is in progress. Need a list of people who he should talk to...to know more about the issues.

van Lith – Can help Campbell get information on planning and design and transportation related items.

Green – Community Gardens might be an issue that we could look at. There are a lot of people working on that.

van Lith – Yes, there is a lot of food stuff going on.

Campbell – looking at items that might not have a constituency.

Transportation

Shields – We would look to attend some of the transportation meeting and perhaps have a meeting with the subgroup. Need to stay informed with city staff. How to focus on biking benefits and alternative fuels.

Rogers – What can we do to support BRT. We need to know when these meetings are.

Shulka – Look to get summaries at next meetings.

3. [36159](#) La Follette Capstone - opportunity to inform Working Groups

Shulka – Look at getting another class to look at having them develop targets for our plan.

Campbell – An idea for a project is getting goals and putting them together and developing a tool – for our sustainability plan to track goals.

van Lith – We have a lot of student group that have worked on various projects including best practices for sustainability – and implementation strategies. We have some things now that we measure.

Campbell – We need to submit our proposal on 12/1.

Shulka – Please email Campbell with ideas and edits

Rogers – This seems like a very big project. We should break this up. Into sections.

van Lith – There are 10 categories in the plan lets break it up by that.

Chandler – We can get information on the goals/what is happening/what data does exist.

Rogers – We should do that and break it up.

4. [35475](#) Update on MG&E's proposed rate case for 2015.

Attachments: [Memo to SMC Members.pdf](#)
[Memo to SMC Members 10-14-2014.pdf](#)
[Rate case outcomes-Sustainable MSN Committee.pdf](#)

Vickerman presentation uploaded to this Legistar number.

5. [36160](#) Upcoming City of Madison meetings/projects of Interest.

Madison in Motion, Water Issues., etc.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Rhode, to Adjourn at 6:35PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.