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Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, July 22, 2019

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 207 (Madison Municipal Building)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff present: Stacie Reece, Karl van Lith—Presenters Dan McAuliffe and Marla Eddy.

Present: 12 - Tag Evers; Jonathan D. Hepner; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Richard J. Pearson; Denise DeMarb; Maria A. Schletzbaum; Richard A. Heinemann; Samuel J. Dunaiski and Jessica M. LeClair

Excused: 6 - Syed Abbas; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Kyla H.S. Beard and Joseph M. Ryan

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Evers, to Approve the Minutes of June 24, 2019. The motion passed by voice vote/other with changes made to Item 4. . Van Lith to send original wording to Reece for update in Legistar.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

5. [56734](#) Presentation: Green Urbanism Course Final Report

Dr. Asla Gocman of the Nelson Institute reviewed the results of the Green Urbanism course she offered this semester to the SMC. She had students review the City's Energy Plan and they worked on 3 items in the plan looking for best practices here in the US as well as globally. She reviewed some examples found in her report--Promoting solar in land-use planning; Incentivizing affordable clean energy in communities and; Developing policy frameworks for green zones and energy investment districts. Recommendations in the report include streamlining the solar permitting improvements, reducing fees, creating a checklist and on-line permitting. A mapping process was also created to look at possible green zone and energy district areas. The committee thanked Dr. Gocman for her work and hoped that the course would be offered again. She felt that it would be.

6. [56735](#) Presentation: Carbon Disclosure Project Disclosure

Presenter unavailable. Item referred to next committee meeting, August 26, 2019.

REFERRAL FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL

7. [55206](#) Accepting the final report and recommendations from the Urban Forestry Task Force.

Attachments: [2019 Urban Forestry Task Force Final Report/Recommendations.pdf](#)
[9/3/19 Si Widstrand Email.pdf](#)
[8/12/19 SUBSTITUTE Page 11 / Urban Forestry Task Force Report.pdf](#)
[8/2/19 Sandra Ward Email TPPB Members.pdf](#)
[7/22/19 SMC Proposed Amendment to Resolution.pdf](#)
[7/3/19 UDC Recommendation ForestryReport.pdf](#)
[4/4/19 UFTF Meeting - Early Draft for Discussion.pdf](#)
[UFTF Report Parks Comments Memo.pdf](#)
[55206 v1.pdf](#)

A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Ald. Evers, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Dan McAuliffe of Planning Department presented background and recommendations of Urban Forestry Taskforce. Taskforce met 35 times over past year and develop report that was referred by council for review by Parks Commission. McAuliffe reviewed recommendations for private and parks trees that may require zoning code update and policy and procedure changes. DeMarb requested that final report recommendations should have priorities defined, specific timeframes and actions that will need budget action. She feels without specifics and timeframes the report will languish and not be acted on. McAuliffe and Eddy will work with report to add specifics. DeMarb and other Committee members wanted to add a more specific "Be it Further Resolved" clause at the end of the resolution that specifically called out staff in various departments brining forward recommendations and cost benefits within a specific timeframe. Suggested wording:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a cross-functional staff team from Parks, Parks-Forestry, City Engineering, and Planning be created to prioritize, 3-5 specific recommendations from the report, with implementation timelines, specific costs and cost-benefit analysis, that will be presented to the Common Council by February, 2020 for consideration in the 2021 budget Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. [53550](#) Discussion Item: Possible LaFollette Capstone Project

Attachments: [Draft Capstone application City of Madison.pdf](#)
[Workshop Madison Policy Brief - FINAL.pdf](#)
[Workshop Presentation-SMC FINAL.pdf](#)
[2019-Madison climate change report FINAL.pdf](#)
[Resolution Resiliency Report Updated.pdf](#)
[DRAFT Resolution Resiliency Report.pdf](#)

Reece lead discussion of draft resolution on Resiliency. Committee felt that tasks assigned to them were not within their scope or ability and recommended that the Resilience Officer mentioned in the earlier part of the resolution should have these duties in their position description. Committee felt that staff should also include specific City agencies or departments in the climate adaptation and resilience task force. Reece and van Lith will rework the resolution and bring it to the August meeting for SMC approval. DeMarb expressed interest in helping review the language beforehand as well.

[Action is: Discuss and continue]

UPDATES

9. [56736](#) Update: Solar Zoning and Permitting Fees and Process Working Group

Resolution was introduced last week at Common Council. Plan Commission will review and refer back to Common Council. Discussion was held about how the resolution simplifies the permitting process. SMC members can attend the Plan Commission meeting if they would like to express support for the resolution.

[This item was Discuss and continue]

10. [54139](#) Update: RESJI / Equity Lens for 100% Renewable Energy Plan

Attachments: [2/25/19 EQT 100 Percent Renew Plan Initial Draft SMC Outline.pdf](#)
[03/2019 EQT 100 Percent Renew Report RESJI Assess.pdf](#)
[SMC Stakeholder Progress report_8262019.pdf](#)

Annette Miller reported that further listening sessions are planned for late August. Miller will report outcomes to SMC in September.

[This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue.]

11. [55127](#) Update: City/MGE Agreement and Working Group

Attachments: [Final Collaboration Progress report_6-28-2019.pdf](#)

Reece reported that a meeting on Renewable Energy Rider (RER) project will be held this week. Heinemann reported that a presentation on the RER project will probably be given to the Common Council in September. Additional items, like targeted benchmarking, electric vehicle infrastructure, etc. are also continuing to be discussed.

A motion was made to Discuss and continue. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Schletzbaum, seconded by Vickerman, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Prior to adjournment, Chair Shukla acknowledged Sam Breidenbach for his work on the committee. His tenure of over 10 years is up and he will be leaving the committee. Chair Shukla also announced that he will be stepping down as chair and leaving the Committee to allow more time for family and professional obligations. SMC members offered thanks and a round of applause to both of them, at this their last meeting.