



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, July 15, 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: 6 -

Sue Ellingson; Steven M. Fix; Mike DePue; Jennifer L. Giegerich; James P. Bennett and Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 2 -

Patricia A. Lasky and Timothy D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. [30904](#) Street Sweeping Discussion

Greg Fries, City Engineering, summarized several studies the City has been or is a part of related to street sweeping, leaf collection, and pollutant loading. Previous studies have shown a seasonal variation in phosphorus loading during spring and fall. A recent study in Minnesota indicated a variation between neighborhoods with high and low tree canopy densities. A current 5-year study with the USGS will tell us the effectiveness of phosphorus control with our current leaf collection program, the results of which will likely help guide future program planning and resource allocation. The study includes neighborhoods with low and high tree canopy density and data collection in the spring and fall. Different leaf management methods will be compared. More info on this study here:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/stormwater/LeafStudy.cfm>.

2. [30910](#) Fireworks - Post Event Discussion

Public Comment - Jim Carrier, Wild Warner, thanked Jim Bennett and Alder Weier (not present) for their help with the Warner Park fireworks study. He indicated a public announcement related to the fireworks event will be made this Wednesday, which may include a new event site. He indicated that the

island in the lagoon from which fireworks were launched has been slowly filled with sand over the years. DNR and Army Corps of Engineers were contacted in order to inquire into the possible wetland fill. In previous years, the fire department requested the sand, but it was not removed after the event. He then asked the Committee for support on two items: that the City put more positive focus on the wetland, and to turn the island into an educational wetland area, as it is a valuable resource for kids.

Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office, updated the Committee on the event. City Parks staff is working with DNR and ACOE on a mitigation plan for the sand on the island. The chair of Madison Festivals Inc will be putting together a report of the event, at the request of the COE members at a previous meeting. This report should be available before the August meeting. Clean up of the site continues, though Parks staff indicated that the clean up of the site thus far has been the best in years. The long term goal of the event planners is to raise enough money so that it is no longer a city event.

The Committee will review the report at the next meeting.

REPORTS

3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The project to dredge the storm pond with high mercury levels was bid.

4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

Some issues on their radar include pharmaceuticals in water and private geothermal systems. There is some basic DNR permitting for the geothermal systems, but little oversight by the City thus far.

5. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

6. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

None

7. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

1. Demo permit

Public Comment - Steve Vanko spoke to the issue of styrofoam blowing into Monona Bay from a recent demo project at Fish Hatchery/Park St, in addition to erosion issues.

Genesis spoke with George Hank from Building Inspection about their demo permit. The permit is issued prior to demolition, any remediation requirements for asbestos are handled through the DNR. There are no ongoing inspections during demolition, but if there are complaints, they can issue tickets.

Alder Ellingson asked to have someone from Building Inspection present at

the next meeting, and she also asked for more detailed information on the entire site reconstruction process (primarily erosion control), including when the permit was issued, what was submitted, what the timing issues were, etc. Engineering Staff will pull the information together and present it at the next meeting.

8. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

Future items:

- Post Fireworks Report REview
- Wild Warner request to discuss Warner Lagoon island rehabilitation/ educational resource
- Demolition permit Q&A with Building Inspection
- Review project summary of construction site at Park/Fish Hatchery

ADJOURNMENT

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