



City of Madison

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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, September 15, 2025

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting.

The City of Madison is holding the Sustainable Madison Committee meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:32pm

Present: 13 - Sean O'Brien; Badri Lankella; Davy Mayer; Heather M. Driscoll; Susan B. Millar; Samantha M. Worden; Erinn Monroe-Nye; Kai L. Brito; Riley P. Willman; E. Cristina Carvajal; Samuel J. Dunaiski; Kimberly Cho and Natalie L. Lesnjak

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the 08/25/25 meeting were approved by unanimous consent. Motion by Riley Willman, seconded by Susan Millar. Alder O' Brien abstains - not present at the last meeting.

Public Comment

- 1 [89901](#) Public Comment

No public comments.

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures and recusals.

New Business

- 2 [89698](#) Authorizing the use of a Farmland Lease Master Template for those City-owned lands being rented for farming, the administrative approval of City staff to negotiate lease terms, and the execution of lease documents by the City's Director of the Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development, or assigns. (Citywide)

Attachments: [Fey Comments to Common Council 10-7-25.pdf](#)
[City of Madison Master Farm Lease Template 2026.pdf](#)
[Fey Comments to BPC 9-10-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comment Fey Comments to BPW 9-3-25.pdf](#)
[File 89698 -- Public Comment, FC 09.08.2025.pdf](#)
[Fey Comments to Sustainable Madison 9-15-25.pdf](#)
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The recommendations are to ensure that crop rotation is worked into long-term leases and to ensure the resolution is aligned with the City's Sustainability Plan framework. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

The motion to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) was made by Alder Lankella, seconded by Alder O'Brien. The recommendations are to ensure that crop rotation is worked into long-term leases and to ensure the resolution is aligned with the City's Sustainability Plan framework. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

Discussion Items

- 3 [89902](#) Updates from Sustainability Champions on their efforts to implement the Sustainability Plan

Attachments: [2025_09_15_CDD_Sustainability_Champions_Presentation.pdf](#)

A presentation from Linette Rhodes, Community Development Manager at the City of Madison, about how the Community Development Division is working to implement the goals of the Sustainability Plan.

- 4 [89903](#) How Air Quality is Changing in Madison

Attachments: [Holloway_Madison_Air_Quality_Talk_9_2025.pdf](#)

A presentation from Tracey Holloway, Professor of Energy Analysis and Policy at UW-Madison, on how air quality is tracked and changing in Madison.

5 [89904](#) SMC Co-Chair Discussion and Vote

A vote for Kai Brito and Kimberly Cho as co-chairs of SMC was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Susan Millar, seconded by Riley Willman. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm