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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, June 16, 2014

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Lucas Dailey; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Mike DePue; Jennifer L. Giegerich; James P. Bennett and Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders

Absent: 2 -

Timothy D. Baker and Patricia J. Gadow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. [33788](#) Private Salt Applicators

Roger Bannerman reported on what he learned about salt application practices from three property managers and a private applicator from phone and in-person interviews. He indicated the need to reach out to private applicators and/or those who hire them is due to the fact that several reports have indicated about half of the salt applied each winter comes from private applicators. The bottom line for each property manager was liability. This is a long term struggle, as we will need to reduce it slowly, gaining acceptance from the public while changing expectations. Education on several fronts will be key to advancing this issue beyond discussion. Pat Lasky suggested that the public might be more receptive to the issue if they understand the implications it has on city well water.

There is a work group from the Lakes and Watershed Commission who is also looking at the issue. Elizabeth will touch base with their chair to see how COE might partner with them. Genesis will forward information from Minnesota and New Hampshire, where the issue has reached state level, including training or certification requirements. Mike will look into whether there is a de-icing product that changes color or somehow indicates when it is working (many applicators over-apply). Jennifer will look into ways to highlight good actors --

those private applicators who are making environmentally sound decisions. Pat Lasky agreed to see if sodium has been an issue in other communities' wells.

2. [34456](#) Discussion of Committee Goals and Focus Areas

Elizabeth asked other committee members to think about how to set the committee's focus/goals. Should they reach out to the Mayor/Common Council/other committees? Ask staff for ways the committee could be useful? Bring your ideas to the July meeting.

3. [34457](#) Proposal of "Environmental Health Register" Idea

Mike DePue presented an idea for an environmental health register -- a tool that could be used to help prioritize/rank environmental issues, identify experts, identify and indicate the severity and location of risk(s), indicate possible timeline of impact, etc. There is a possible overlap or starting point from the current biannual Environmental Report Card issued by Public Health or the Sustainability Indicators from the City Sustainability Committee. Mike will review these reports before the next meeting.

4. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The first plat of the Royster site was approved, as well as Union Corners. The latter may encounter contamination issues as it is the former Rayovac site.

5. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

They will be discussing a possible city salt policy (due to increasing sodium and chloride levels at Well 14) at an upcoming meeting; all policies will be reviewed soon.

6. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Not present

7. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

The 2013 West Nile Virus report is online; Public Health has a mosquito control plan, which includes monitoring source areas and some larvicide application. The Board continues to monitor the Kipp site resolution. There have been reports of blue green algae blooms (beginning last week).

8. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

Two members' terms have recently expired; Pat Gaddow will renew her term, and Jennifer Giegerich will not. She will be able to attend one more meeting.

9. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

Jim Bennett reminded the committee that Rhythm and Booms will take place prior to the next meeting, and wanted to know if they are on track to receive an

event report at the next meeting. There is a 30 day grace period for reporting, so the committee may not see it until August.

ADJOURNMENT

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