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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, March 19, 2012

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 -
Anita Weier; Patricia A. Lasky; Dan Melton; Lori O. Grant; Roger T. Bannerman and James P. Bennett
- Absent:** 1 -
Reginald N. Weide
- Excused:** 1 -
Steven M. Fix

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. [25637](#) Discussion of setback requirements for commercial properties

Planning staff (Matt Tucker and Brad Murphy) attended to give a quick overview of current and proposed zoning guidelines on setback limits for shoreline properties. Alder Weier was interested in whether certain guidelines that had been established at the time of the proposed Edgewater project should be changed. Committee members voiced some concern about re-visiting the entire (and complicated) issue. One option could be to ask the Plan Commission to look at specific issues regarding the setback guidelines, given descriptors or concerns by the COE.

Public comments in favor of revisiting the setback guidelines for non-residential shoreline properties were heard from the following:
Fred Mohs, 512 Wisconsin Ave
Peter Ostlind, 522 W Main St

Planning staff indicated that other changes to shoreline zoning may be of more interest to the COE, including vegetated buffers. Matt Tucker noted that he would bring (or provide) more information about this to a future meeting.

2. [18528](#) Discussion of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks Residue

Common Council approved the amendment to remove the required match from the \$25,000 in the city budget and also moved oversight from Health to Engineering. The City received word that the \$3000 DNR grant was not awarded. Brynn Bemis, City Engineering, has already been out to sample sediment before the ice melted. She got the results but hasn't had a chance to review them yet. The total cost for the sediment sampling and testing was

\$2500. Now that the ground is thawed, she will also be able to do the soil testing. Health staff has indicated they will do the water sampling, and Jim Bennett will be responsible for the plant collection.

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

Not present

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

None

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

Not present

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

The current Environmental Report Card is now available; many indicators have held steady (<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/features/index.cfm#Nbr1>)

7. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

Three appointments are expiring in April; two of the members were present and voiced their interest in renewing their terms. Steve Fix is appointed by the BPW, so his term will be dependent on their decision to re-appoint him to the COE.

Officer elections will be held in May.

COE will have another open position beginning in May, as Lori Grant (current chair) will not be continuing her term.

ADJOURNMENT

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