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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, January 28, 2008

4:45 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108, City-County Building.

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These minutes are DRAFT until approved at a subsequent meeting of the Commission on the Environment.

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 -

Larry Palm; Michael W. Rewey; Bill Sonzogni; Jonathan H. Standridge;  
Theresa Stabo; Roger T. Bannerman and Bruce C. Dickie

**Excused:** 2 -

Reginald N. Weide and Keith W. Pierce

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Dickie, to Approve the Minutes . The motion passed byvoice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Plastic Bag Use

Two members of the public came to register that they would support a ban on plastic bags.

George Dreckman, City Recycling Coordinator, is preparing a report on this item and will bring it to the February COE Meeting for further discussion.

While some were concerned about the recent negative press regarding this and the next issue, the Commissioners want to continue to look into plastic bag use. One possibility is to form a subcommittee with the Solid Waste Committee to look at the issue more closely.

This item shall be brought back for further discussion in February with the above referenced report and any other supplemental information compiled by staff.

2. Discussion of the Environmental Issues pertaining to useage of bottled water

Two members of the public (same for Item #1) registered that they would support a ban on plastic water bottles. A third member of the public was present to voice concern that if the Commission were to decide to ban plastic water bottles and questioned its effectiveness (since soda is also sold in plastic bottles). Chair Standridge noted that bottled water was addressed simply because it is available

from a tap (unlike soda).

Several members voiced concern about this issue and would prefer to look at the use of plastic bags instead. There are many issues, such as availability of water bubblers in public areas, that would make it difficult to address.

3. Medicine Drop Off Event Update

The first Med Drop Off was a success, and the group intends to have another event this year. The Commission members suggested that Chair Standridge write a letter of thanks to the event coordinators.

**REPORTS**

4. REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None to report

5. REPORT FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

None to report

6. REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Not present

7. REPORT FROM AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE:

Chair Theresa Stabo spoke with Maya Cole (Madison School Board Member), who will be talking to school administrators regarding school bus idling. Dailey reminded Theresa that due to the small subcommittee (3 remaining members of a 5 member subcommittee), all members need to be present for a quorum, and that she could consider adding members.

8. REPORT FROM EROSION CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE:

Chair Standridge spoke with Don Esposito (Veridian) and Brian Hornung (Findorff), both of whom agreed to sit on the subcommittee. Dailey reported that the Report to the City Engineer will be finished soon.

9. REPORT FROM STAFF:

None to report

**ADJOURNMENT**

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