



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 16, 2009

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: 8 -

William C. Sonzogni; Lori O. Grant; Larry Palm; Michael W. Rewey;
Jonathan H. Standridge; Roger T. Bannerman; Reginald N. Weide and
Keith W. Pierce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [13664](#) Update on compliance/enforcement of Dark Sky Ordinance

George Hank, Building Inspection, gave a summary of of external lighting issues that his division has encountered over the past 2 years. Of 171 cases, 90 were from a complaint (public) or referral (city), and 81 were from field observations or surveys. Most of the cases were inadequate light as opposed to improper fixtures or spill light/glare issues.

Discussion included when City Building Inspection has authority over new construction, and the fact that they do not have jurisdiction over County, State, or Federal construction. They may make recommendations, but are unable to require corrections from higher levels of government.

The issue of when proper lighting is verified was raised. New building construction has to have a parking lot lighting plan submitted and approved by Building Inspection. Inspectors have to check installed lighting during non-daylight hours, and sometimes with more than one inspector for safety reasons, which can be a strain on staff time.
2. [13421](#) Adopting and confirming amendments to the Madison General Ordinances as set forth in attached Exhibit E pursuant to Sec. 66.0103, Wis. Stats. to revise portions of the City's Erosion and Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Grant, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Greg Fries summarized the proposed changes to MGO Chapter 37. Some of the changes were mostly housekeeping items. Significant changes included the following:

1. An annual report will be required for any permitted site that is required to have a stormwater management practice or with a maintenance agreement. This report must be sealed by a Professional Engineer.
2. City Engineering may require evidence of financial security (case by case basis) in order to guarantee complete construction of a required stormwater management system.
3. Installation of a required stormwater management practice must be certified by a Professional Engineer, and an agreed-upon completion date must also be adhered to.
4. Fines are increased and the citation authority was revised.
5. The old self-reporting website will become obsolete, though there is a new citywide system that will be put in place which will cover all the different city permitting issues across several departments. Weekly inspection reports will still need to be sent directly to Engineering staff.

REPORTS

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

None

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

The Board received a presentation on the Northeast Neighborhood planning goals (more info can be found here: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/northeast.html>)

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

The City is dealing with an increase in electronics recycling. Madison Stuff Exchange is growing in popularity (<http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com/>). A couple of alders and city staff have started discussing ways to reduce the number of plastic bags and/or increase recycling of them. Curbside collection of compost may be possible in the next few years. The proposed construction recycling ordinance has received general support as well as some specific objections. The COE will have a chance to discuss the proposed ordinance once it is drafted.

6. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

1. YLLP - There will be a presentation Tuesday evening on Farming in the Yahara Watershed on the UW campus.

2. There is parking available to commission members behind the Madison Munic Bldg, though it is difficult to find a spot before 4:30. If members are interested in getting a permit, they should speak with Mike Dailey.

ADJOURNMENT

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