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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, October 20, 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

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m., with confirmation that the meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum present.

New COE member, Tyler Leeper, was introduced and welcomed to the committee.

Present: 8 - Lucas Dailey; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Mike DePue; Tyler D. Leeper; Timothy D. Baker; James P. Bennett and Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders

Excused: 1 - Patricia J. Gadow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [35893](#) Overview of City Engineering Division's Stormwater Section.

Attachments: [Storm Utility COE presentation_10202014.pdf](#)

Greg Fries, City Engineering Division, presented an overview of the Storm Water Utility's operations through the context of municipal projects that include Glenway Basin Stormwater Alum Treatment Demonstration Project, potential Starkweather Creek Alum Treatment, Willow Creek (future) and Cherokee Ponds (possible project).

Committee members had questions for Greg regarding alum treatment, erosion control from construction sites and Madison Kipp Corporation. Katt Reinders shared an email from Jim Powell, Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, with similar questions and concerns.

Alum Treatment: Greg will have reference material passed along to the committee. City staff can also research questions and follow up with the committee.

Erosion control from construction sites: Greg said the City is doing a very diligent job at trying to go above and beyond the state's DNR codes for erosion control enforcement. This is allowed as the majority of the City is within the Rock River TMDL (total maximum daily load) area and due to this the State law setting WDNR standards as a ceiling is allowed to be exceeded. City Engineering inspects all construction sites every two weeks. Every site over 20,000 square feet is required to complete an online report each week. Sometimes, erosion control protection measures can inadvertently contribute to the problem. Such was the case this summer on E. Johnson during construction when a couple of heavy storm events occurred. The storm sewers were covered with silt mesh to keep out dirt from construction. However, the covering contributed to street flooding, which ultimately overtopped the road and went directly to the lake via overland flow through James Madison Park.

Madison Kipp Corporation: Greg provided background on the raingarden, which MKC is seeking to lease. Staff from Public Health and Engineering Division can review the questions and report back to the COE at the November meeting.

The committee also asked Greg what they can do to help support the work of the Storm Water Utility. Greg said one area of focus could be Road Salt Coordination between the City and the County at a minimum and perhaps the State. The COE will continue to discuss this area.

2. [33788](#) Private Salt Applicators

Attachments: [2014RoadwayWorkshop.pdf](#)
[2014ParkingLotWorkshop.pdf](#)

Katt-Reinders reported there are two training opportunities on salt application for private snow plow companies scheduled November 13th and 14th. The workshops are sponsored by Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP) and the COE is listed on the informational flyer as a workshop supporter. COE members are encouraged to promote the workshops through their professional networks.

Motion to discuss and continue made by Fix, seconded by Lasky. Motion approved by voice vote/other.

3. [34456](#) Discussion of Committee Goals and Focus Areas

Motion made by Fix, seconded by Lasky to table Discussion of Committee Goals and Focus Areas to allow more time for Item Number 1 on the agenda. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [34457](#) Proposal of "Environmental Health Register" Idea

Motion made by Fix, seconded by Lasky to table Discussion of Committee Goals and Focus Areas to allow more time for Item Number 1 on the agenda. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steven Fix reported construction season is winding down for public works contracts. There are not any big projects on the horizon right now. In terms of private development, the Royster site is beginning to be developed. This is an urban infill project.

6. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

DePue reported there was a minor discussion at the September Water Utility Board meeting regarding monitoring salt and making the information part of a report.

7. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Timothy Baker reported the committee did not meet.

8. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

Lasky reported a policy statement for Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water was presented at the October 9th meeting of the Board of Health for Madison.

9. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

Attachments: [2014 Rhythm and Booms Report to City of Madison.pdf](#)
[2015 COE Meeting Dates.pdf](#)

Mike Dailey, City Engineering Division, said the document titled "2014 Rhythm & Booms Report to the City of Madison" was the extent of information provided to Madison Festivals Inc., from the Pyrotechnic Operator, J & M Displays, as required by ordinance.

Katt-Reinders shared an email from Jim Powell, Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, containing questions regarding data analysis, environment and ecological impacts that were not addressed by the summary. COE members requested that appropriate City staff research questions and report back at the November meeting. COE members also requested a copy of the "Warner Park Fireworks Environmental Impact Baseline Study, 2012" be made available for the November meeting. (Editor's note: Report is available under Legistar File ID: 29706).

Dailey asked if the COE would look at a copy of a fireworks plan that he is reviewing to assist with refining a template for fireworks plans.

The fireworks discussion will be continued at the November meeting, as its own agenda item.

Dailey reviewed the 2015 COE Meeting dates. The COE meets the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., with the exception of January. The meeting in January is the 26th. Motion to keep the same meeting day and time for 2015 made by Fix, seconded by DePue. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

COE Members expressed interest in continuing discussion of the following items at the November meeting:

- Madison Kipp Corporation rain garden
- Fireworks; data analysis, ecological impacts
- Role of COE in supporting efforts of Storm Water Utility

ADJOURNMENT

Baker made the motion, seconded by DePue to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.