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Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, December 16, 2019

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 207 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 12 - Syed Abbas; Tag Evers; Jonathan D. Hepner; Jessica M. LeClair; Lance E. Green; Cassandra K. Steiner; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Denise DeMarb; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Kyla H.S. Beard and Samuel J. Dunaiski
- Excused:** 1 - Matthew W. Braunginn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Miller of the Community Climate Solutions Team introduced herself to the Committee. Her group works to support non-profits and local government entities reach their climate action plans goals.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

PRESENTATION

1. Orientation / History of Madison Sustainability.

Reece presented information on purpose of the Sustainable Madison Committee (SMC), as outlined in MGO 33.31, and provided a brief history of sustainability efforts within the City of Madison going back to 2005. She reviewed the City's Council approved sustainability framework (The Natural Step) and various milestones in the City's path to sustainability. Reece highlighted how the Sustainability Plan ties in with the City's comprehensive plan (Imagine Madison) and the seven elements of a great city. Along with these elements, SMC work should utilize the four lenses (Equity, Health, Sustainability and Adaptability) of the comprehensive plan when developing its on-going plans.

Reece also provided information on the City's Ethics Code, Open Meetings requirements, attendance, quorum and voting, and the roles of Chair(s) and members of SMC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. SMC Planning Process

LeClair introduced topic and LeZaks lead discussion of 2020 planning process. LeZaks outlined how SMC works to Engage, Plan and Evaluate with the City and community on sustainability initiatives. In looking at our coming plans LeZaks and LeClair feel that using the SMARTIE goal format should be considered. (Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Realistic, Timely, Inclusive and Equitable.) Both expressed that creating working groups within the Committee would be a good way to have action occur on topics of interest to the Committee, its members and the community. Discussion ensued within the Committee regarding what working groups should be established. Working groups would be comprised of 4 or less members who had interest in a specific sustainability topic.

Pearson identified a Benchmarking group as his personal area of interest. The team would bring forward information on benchmarking policy ideas, and methods to sell the advantages of such a mandatory program to the business community and residents. Hepner expressed interest in this group as well. Reece put forth the idea of a Resiliency planning group, to explore climate change resiliency and to align SMC efforts with City agency efforts in developing a resiliency plan.

DeMarb, felt that the Mayor in her talk at the last meeting clearly stated that the Sustainability Plan needs to be updated. DeMarb felt an analysis of the Plan, section by section and involvement of the agencies charged with acting on the sustainability categories would be a good way to proceed. She and Alder Evers would like to work on that. Steiner, who had to leave for another meeting at 5:30, also expressed interest in that as well, particularly the Land Use and Transportation categories. DeMarb also stated that perhaps a working group on Committee governance needs to be established, given the possibilities of merging the Committee on the Environment (COE) and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) with SMC. Reece pointed out that the COE was working at their meeting to come up with some guidelines and plans for the merger as well. Hepner mentioned looking at sustainability in multifamily housing. And LeZaks mentioned working on sustainability for existing residential housing.

Reece will send out these specific ideas to the Committee and ask them to add any others they may be interested in creating for discussion and voting on at the next meeting.

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Update: City/MGE Agreement and Working Group

Attachments: [Final Collaboration Progress report 6-28-2019.pdf](#)

Reece provided an update of meeting between the team from SMC and the City with MGE. On October 15th, the Council passed the Renewable Energy Rider (RER) resolution and work is moving forward on that with MGE. Six additional areas of collaboration were also identified. Matthew Spencer of MGE is taking over as the MGE representative.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. DeMarb, seconded by Ald. Evers, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.