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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, November 15, 2010

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: 5 -

Steven M. Fix; Larry Palm; Lori O. Grant; Keith W. Pierce and James P. Bennett

Excused: 3 -

Roger T. Bannerman; Reginald N. Weide and Dan Melton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [20517](#) Review the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee's Sustainability Plan

Committee members briefly reviewed their comments on the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee's Sustainability Plan. Bannerman submitted his comments ahead of time, which were included as an attachment to the agenda. Chair Grant read his comments; committee members especially agreed with the comment regarding indoor air quality given the fact that a number of Madison homes have radon levels above EPA criteria. Kirsti Sorsa, Public Health, pointed out that the Health Dept. heavily subsidizes radon test kits, available for \$10.

Committee member Fix tried to prioritize the goals listed in the plan, as they relate to the COE mission: 1. Natural Systems, 2. Carbon and Energy, 3. Economic Development.

Another comment was that Goal 6 under Natural Systems (Restore and Maintain Natural Habitat) seemed thin. Perhaps this is an area that the COE could focus on more.

The group wanted to wait until more people were present before selecting any one action to focus on. This will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion. Bennett pointed out that the UW has just released their own Sustainability Plan (UW Sustainability Initiative Task Force Final Report:

<http://sustainability.wisc.edu/report/>)

2. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

Possible future topics include a briefing by Engineering staff on any environmentally-related budget items (beach plans, Wingra Watershed plan) or speakers from DNR on various topics (possibly to a larger audience than just COE members - more as a public forum).

REPORTS

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

BPW recently received briefing on the future Beltline and Verona Rd Interchange; the project will start in 2013.

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

None

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

None

6. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

1. There is a new MedDrop box at the Eastside Police Station, available Monday through Friday, 8-4pm.
2. Engineering is working with Friends of Lake Wingra in writing a RFP for creating a watershed plan for the Lake Wingra watershed.
3. There are a couple of different leaf campaigns Engineering staff is involved in; if COE members have any ideas for either of the campaigns or have interest in the topic, it could be a future item.
4. There is a new ethics rule that requires members to declare any disclosures or recusals for any items at the beginning of the meeting; it will be a standard agenda item from now on.

ADJOURNMENT

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