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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 18, 2013

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: 8 -

Anita Weier; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Mike DePue; Jennifer L. Giegerich; Timothy D. Baker; James P. Bennett and Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 1 -

Reginald N. Weide

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. 29142 2012 Road Salt Report

Attachments: [2012 Road Salt Report](#)

Genesis went over a few highlights of the 2012 Report. Committee members requested that Health staff and Streets staff attend a future meeting (tentatively April) in order to discuss more fully and find out what has been implemented from the 2006 COE Subcommittee Road Salt Recommendations Report.

2. [18528](#) Discussion of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks Residue

Attachments: [NLS Water Samples Report, 12/8/10](#)
[COE Letter to Rhythm and Booms organizer - 12/23/10](#)
[2012 Warner Park study - progress report 1/28/13](#)
[DRAFT 2012 Warner Park R&B Env. Impacts Study, Bemis - 2/18/13](#)
[DRAFT 2012 Veg & Soil Analyses from Warner Park, Bennett - 2/18/13](#)

There are currently two DRAFT reports (attached) that summarize the data collected in the Warner Parks Fireworks Study, written by Jim Bennett (COE member) and Brynn Bemis, City Engineering. The reports were only just made available to COE members for review, so the intention was to provide these

draft reports in order to get feedback from members, then allow for a more complete discussion at the March COE meeting. Jim and Brynn will discuss how to combine the reports into one for the Common Council.

Committee members were asked to forward any comments to Genesis by March 4.

Public Comment:

Jim Carrier (231 Monterey Dr, Madison) indicated that Wild Warner does not support continuing to release fireworks near the wetland and fishery of Warner Park Lagoons. Results have indicated that there are environmental impacts from the fireworks, public health impacts are unknown, and he asks that the Committee be as proactive as possible when they formulate their recommendations in the report and to ask whether Warner Park is a good site for the event.

Alder Weier noted that the contract for Rhythm and Booms is not yet final, as there are still several points of discussion.

Pat Gadow asked Jim Carrier if he thought the event should be moved entirely. Jim responded that a wetland is not the place for a fireworks display, and a better location might be a ball park, as there would be less environmental impacts. A public waterway should be protected.

Jim Powell (1311 Lake View Ave, Madison) said he first brought his concern about Rhythm and Booms to his alder in 2005. He has found lots of fireworks debris on and around his property. He suggested that the Rhythm and Booms contract be routed to the Committee for review.

Mike Daily indicated that depending on the contract amount, and whether it is already in the budget, the contract may not need approval by the Common Council.

Alder Weier noted that she has indicated her concerns about the event during Rhythm and Booms meetings.

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

None

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

None

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

None

- 6. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

The Environmental Health Report Card will be released online with a broader Health Assessment later this month; it will be an item on a future agenda. The Board continues to monitor Kipp proceedings, private well testing, and has

been discussing a MOU with the University on a POD (Point of Distribution) for antibiotics in the case of an emergency.

7. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

None

8. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

Committee members are encouraged to bring up any environmental topics they would like to discuss at future meetings. There was further discussion about how items get referred and the role of the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

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