



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Monday, September 16, 2013

5:15 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 354 (City-County Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 -  
John Strasser; Scott J. Resnick; Mark Clear; Jeff Kostelic; Matt Veldran  
and Al Matano

**Excused:** 2 -  
Sally Miley and Paul Rusk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christy Bachman, Pam Dunphy, Jerry Mandli, Steve Schultz, Chris Kelley, Rosemary Lee, Tim Kiefer, Todd Kummer, Karin Peterson Thurlow

Chair Clear called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosemary Lee, 111 W. Wilson St, Madison, WI 53703 addressed the committee. She expressed concern regarding the homeless who congregate at the City County Building. She urged the committee to address the issue.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the city members of the committee.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Veldran, to Approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### 31632

Update on the Nathan Dane Project

An update on the Nathan Dane project was before the committee. Supv. Kiefer provided an update on the project to place a portrait of Nathan Dane in the CCB. The painting is complete and being framed. City and county staff will put together a panel that provides information about the artist as well as about

Nathan Dane. The goal is to have all the materials completed by the end of the year and then have a reception early in 2014. Kiefer indicated that it is not yet clear where the portrait will be placed and it may rotate to various spots in the building over time.

[31633](#)

Building Use Request: United Nations Association of Dane County

Attachments: [Building Request UN Assoc of Dane Co.pdf](#)

Todd Kummer, 6 Nakomis Court, Madison WI 53711 representing the United Nations Association of Dane County addressed the committee in support of the request. He spoke of the role of the local committee and described some of its activities. A motion to approve the request was made by Matano, seconded by Resnick. Motion was approved on voice vote/other.

[31634](#)

Review of Consolidation Opportunities: Road Maintenance

Review of consolidation opportunities regarding road maintenance was before the committee. Clear indicated that the committee was interested in areas of coordination and collaboration, not in combining departments. The committee wants to know how the agencies might work more closely together.

Jerry Mandli addressed the committee. He spoke of the 2500 miles of highway that the county maintains; 1200 miles of county roads and 1290 of state system. The state contracts with the county for maintenance. Dane County has 50 plow truck and a staff of 100 mobilized during a storm, all county staff. There is no contracting out of this service. The county plows based on slippery/hazardous conditions, not on number of inches of snow. Some of the strategies the county uses are 1) anti-icing with a brine solution on bridges 2) using brine to pre-treat to make the salt stick. The county plows for high-speed traffic and use a large straight blade. They plow at 40 mph, whereas the city plows at 15 mph. The county plows would not be able to go down city streets. County equipment rarely sees parked cars or traffic calming features. Jerry summarized that the county does very different types of work than the city. While the city and county confer before a storm, they have different jobs to do.

Jerry spoke of how the county works with the city on testing and screening of applicants for jobs. The county shared salt brine with the city so they could try the same approach. He said the two departments have a good relationship.

Chris Kelley is the street superintendent for the city, Steve Schultz is the operations manager, and Christy Bachman is with city engineering. Christy pointed out that they only salt a third of the city and do not have a clear street policy. The city puts salt brine down on four major routes 12 hours before a storm. They learned this approach from the county and it buys them about two hours. The county puts salt down during cold temperatures and the city does not. The city hires contractors for major storms. They have 300 pieces of equipment.

The city and county staff discussed some areas of mutual interest:

- The county is piloting two units running on CNG from landfill gas.
- The city has pothole machinery that makes patches last longer.
- The city does all the traffic signals and all signs within corporate limits.
- The landfill takes all the city's leaves.

Discussion ensued regarding areas where the city and county overlap in plowing, such as Buckeye Road and out near American Parkway. The town of Madison does its own plowing. The city has an agreement with the town of Burke and town of Westport.

Supv. Veldran asked if the city and county can collaborate on maintenance. Pam Dunphy and Christy Bachman responded that a statutory change makes this no longer possible. Alder Clear wondered if there were any way to facilitate greater coordination. Chris Kelley said the two agencies need to stay in communication with one another. Jerry Mandli said that there has been turnover with front line supervisors and the two agencies need to get together for testing and training.

Alder Clear asked if there were any other areas of interest in collaboration. Alder Strasser indicated an interest in exploring lockers for the homeless on city and county property. Supv. Veldran said that Cook County and Chicago have a shared fleet. Alder Resnick expressed an interest working with the county on climate change initiatives, as well as on addressing the needs of the homeless.

#### **SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW**

There was no other business before the committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Resnick, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The committee adjourned at 6:15 p.m.