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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, November 17, 2008

4:45 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108, City-County Building.
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Lori O. Grant; Michael W. Rewey; Jonathan H. Standridge; Roger T. Bannerman; Reginald N. Weide and Keith W. Pierce

Absent: 1 -

Larry Palm

Excused: 2 -

Bill Sonzogni and Bruce C. Dickie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [11316](#) Approving the dissolution of the Air Quality Subcommittee to the Commission on the Environment.

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Grant, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER . The motion passed by voice vote/other.
2. [12086](#) SUBSTITUTE - Creating Section 10.185 of the Madison General Ordinances to require recycling of construction and demolition site waste.

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Rewey, to Refer to the COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT and should be returned by 12/15/2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [11080](#) SUBSTITUTE - Creating new Section 7.55 to prohibit outdoor wood boilers, amending Sec. 1.08(4) to include citation authority for Director of Public Health and amending, and amending Sec. 1.08(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a bail deposit for a violation.

Linda Karr, 4205 Elinor St, spoke in favor of a ban on outdoor wood boilers and provided a website to the Commission members for more information: <http://woodgasification.spaces.live.com>. She stated that her neighbor's wood

boiler chimney is very low (not above the roof line). Commissioner Rewey suggested that with a ban, any pre-existing outdoor wood boilers should be required to raise their chimneys 2 feet above surrounding roof lines.

As John Hausbeck, public health, was unable to attend the meeting, Commissioners decided to refer action on this item until December.

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Rewey, to Refer to the COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT and should be returned by 12/15/2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [12618](#)

2009 Topics Discussion

Members discussed the following as potential items to be taken up during the upcoming calendar year:

1. Erosion control subcommittee recommendations
2. Road salt use
3. Air quality by way of the Dane County Clean Air Coalition
4. Land use issues as they pertain to changes in the Urban Service Area and their environmental impacts
5. Changes to the City of Madison zoning code that would have environmental impacts (e.g., the lot size effect on percent impervious area and thus stormwater infiltration)
6. Plastic bag use
7. Involvement with the Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership and the Yahara Lakes watershed issues in general.
8. Dark Sky Ordinance compliance
9. Developing a stormwater assessment protocol for the City of Madison
10. Progress of the Starkweather Creek watershed plan and what the COE can do to encourage more progress

5. [12716](#)

Discussion of the Draft report of the CCOC Subcommittee on Committee Creation and Committee Rules

Members discussed potential changes to the order of business as outlined in the 2nd Draft Final Report and Recommendations of the Common Council Organizational Committee Subcommittee on Committee Creation and Committee Rules.

Members discussed the roll of the Commission on the Environment as an advisory committee without independent authority, defining it as a "committee". Members were concerned that the chair would not be able to participate in discussions (but not voting) even if the committee voted to change the rules to allow it. Commissioner Bannerman stated that he would like to be able to serve beyond the 10-year term limit.

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Grant, to suggest a change to the CCOC Final Report that would allow individual committees/commissions/boards to make rule changes allowing the chair to speak during discussions and to extend the term limit beyond 10 years. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -
Larry Palm

Excused: 2 -

Bill Sonzogni and Bruce C. Dickie

Ayes: 4 -

Lori O. Grant; Roger T. Bannerman; Reginald N. Weide and Keith W. Pierce

Noes: 1 -

Michael W. Rewey

Non Voting: 1 -

Jonathan H. Standridge

REPORTS

6. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

7. [08478](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

None

8. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

9. [08481](#) REPORT FROM EROSION CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE:

Recommendations from subcommittee will be brought to December meeting

10. [08482](#) REPORT FROM STAFF:

Staff discussed the possibility of moving the normal meeting start time to 4:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Weide, to change the meeting start time from 4:45 to 4:30 P.M., beginning in January. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

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