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Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, May 15, 2017

4:30 PM

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

*** JOINT MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT***

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The joint meeting of the Sustainable Madison Committee and the Committee on the Environment was called to order.

Committee on the Environment (COE) members present:

Alder Zach Wood, Elizabeth Katt-Reinders, Katherine Mitchell, Patrick Delmore, Timothy Baker, Pat Leahy, Tyler Leeper.

Also present: Ald. DeMarb, Jeanne Hoffman, Doug Voegli, Karl Lith and Megan Eberhardt.

Present: 13 - David Ahrens; Stacie A. Reece; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Tracy E. Harvey; Richard A. Heinemann and Joseph M. Ryan

Excused: 4 - Jason A. Vargo; Maria A. Schletzbaum; August R. McGinnity-Wake and Evelyn H. Atkinson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the Minutes from April 17, 2017 made by Vickerman, seconded by LeZaks. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Ferber-environmental advocate. Wanted to express support for City efforts for 100% renewable energy resolution. Feels it involved community and shows what community can do if it cares for environment. Feels we can do more and used example of San Diego's small engine exchange program, where tow cycle , polluting engines could be cut back with exchange program for electrical implements.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Campbell says his company will be applying for RFP on Energy Plan implementation. Not a conflict with this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [47276](#) Discussion of potential merge or improved collaboration between Committee on Environment and Sustainable Madison Committee.

Shukla presented background of discussions between himself, Katt-Reinders (Chair of COE) and Alder Wood on merger or better collaboration between two committees. Historically have similar agendas, but COE has focus on water, lake quality and other natural system elements. SMC has broader sustainability focus with an emphasis on energy conservation. Various options were discussed: merging the two committees, holding joint meetings; have cross-over membership on each committee; have different meeting times for the two committees; joint membership on sub-committees formed to address specific topics and leaving things as is. Alder DeMarb put forth the idea of having a joint review team look at the charges/mission for each committee, determine some areas for collaborative work, and invite the Office of the City Attorney to sit in and review ordinance changes that might be necessary if merger arises as an option. The team will target to report back to both committees by the fall. Members should give some thought if they want to be on the review team; DeMarb, Wood, Mitchell, Leeper, Shukla and Katt-Reinders agreed to have an initial meeting to begin the process. Karl van Lith volunteered to staff the meeting(s).

Hoffman will send out a Doodle poll to determine possible alternative meeting times for both committees, as this may be the easiest collaborative item to do quickly.

[This Miscellaneous was Discuss and continue].

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Ald. Ahrens, seconded by Shields. Meeting adjourned.