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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, October 18, 2010

4:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room 300, Madison Municipal Building

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108, City-County Building.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Steven M. Fix; Larry Palm; Lori O. Grant; Roger T. Bannerman; Reginald N. Weide; Keith W. Pierce; Dan Melton and James P. Bennett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- [20253](#) Committee on the Environment/Sustainable Design & Energy Committee Joint Discussion

Committee on the Environment (COE) members gave an overview of their broad mission and past efforts. Chair Grant asked if they could provide any help to the Sustainable Design & Energy Committee (SDEC) on their work on the Sustainability Plan.

Chair Gruder (SDEC) reviewed the history of the SDEC. They were formed in 2005 as a result of the Madison- A Green Capitol City report, put out by the Mayor's Energy Task Force. The report was focused on actions the city could do (LEED buildings, Natural Step). The new Sustainability Plan is intended to educate businesses and residents on actions they can take as well. It is their intention that the actions proposed in the plan would be divided up between the relevant city agencies as well as the various committees, commissions, and boards.

Discussion between the two committees included giving the COE members the task of reviewing the current draft of the Sustainability Plan and giving their comments back to the SDEC as soon as possible. Chair Grant suggested that the SDEC divide the plan into its various categories when taking it to the public for comment, as in its current form it has a lot of content to sift through.

Following the joint discussion, COE members reconvened and discussed next steps.

Members agreed to review the document and bring both their suggestions for changes as well as any items they felt the COE may want to be a part of in the

coming years. It was suggested that the report's action items may provide more structure to the COE in its future endeavors. Commissioner Melton suggested that the COE tackle one item at a time and really see it through to completion, as opposed to merely making suggestions to staff, etc. Commissioner Bannerman agreed, though said it is important for the SDEC to be on board with whatever the COE chooses to move ahead on (if it relates to the Sustainability Plan) -- that it will be important to continue to give and get feedback from the SDEC.

REPORTS

- 2. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BPW had the public hearing on the storm utility budget. There are a lot of larger street reconstruction projects slated for next year.

- 3. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

The east side water supply project is underway, which is a study to look at the entire east side as opposed to just individual wells.

- 4. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The organics collection pilot program will happen in one neighborhood on both the east and west side. Initially the organics will be taken to Portage for composting.

- 5. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

The Board of Public Health selected a COE representative, who will start in December.

ADJOURNMENT

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