



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

City of Madison
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Monday, March 7, 2005

6:30 PM

2202 S PARK ST (SMHFC-Harambee)

A Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Alder Judy Olson arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Present: Dr. John J. Frey III, Jean A. Dye, Ald. Judy K. Olson, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, John G. Leech and Susan M. Bulgrin

Absent: Ald. Zachariah Brandon

Excused: Barbara L. Nichols and Lowell S. Lakritz

B Approve February 7, 2005 Minutes

C Open Forum - 3 Minutes Per Speaker

No registrants

D Unification Update - 10 Minutes

Janet Piraino was unable to attend but e-mailed Dr. Vedder with information. The Mayor has signed the intergovernmental agreement and the County Executive should be signing by the end of the week. A resolution and ordinance change are needed to create the position of joint director and final details of the recruitment plan are being handled. Both the city and county have submitted names for the joint board and after these names are reviewed, the Mayor and/or Janet Piraino will meet with some candidates. Susan Bulgrin asked staff to request from the Mayor's Office the final job description for the joint director, the proposed recruitment process, the salary range and the plan for subcommittees of the board. Frey/Dye moved that the Commission communicate to the Mayor's Office that current Public Health Commission Alders be considered for the joint board. Passed by acclamation.

E Chair's Report - 3 Minutes

Susan Bulgrin reported on the hearing to close Damon's restaurant due to critical violations. The recommendation of the subcommittee was to suspend their license for one day (they will close on Easter Sunday) and if any other criticals occur in the next six months, the committee will reconvene to consider further action.

F Smoking Ban Implementation Plans - 10 minutes

Tommye Schneider announced that last week was the first meeting of the Smoking Ban Implementation Team that Janet Piraino convened. The members are John Kavanaugh, Marsh Shapiro (Chair) and Dave Wiganowsky (bar owners); Alders Verveer, Olson and Brandon; City staff Marci Paulsen (City Attorney's Office), Janet Piraino, Tommye Schneider, and Lt. Michelle Schiferl (Madison Police). Alder Brandon generated a list of issues and concerns with implementation. Schneider was asked to call other similar sized communities that have already implemented a ban. Frey asked if there is a way a positive campaign could be done, perhaps in conjunction with the media, in support of this important public health issue. There is a public education component being discussed. We did send out a letter in January to all operators and another will be sent, but there is no money in our budget for a campaign. Since Schneider is on the board of Tobacco Free Dane County Coalition, she will bring up the ideas mentioned to solicit their help.

G Department Report - Section Update
(Report on Recent Activities For Information Only)

Director's Report - Dr. Kathryn Vedder - 5 Minutes

Dr. Vedder has been working on bioterrorism issues such as preparedness planning and additional funding and in concert with that, has been securing community partnerships to staff mass clinics if needed. At the April Commission meeting she provide an update on the Health Access Pilot project. She will be conducting interviews for the Public Information Officer position this week and by the end of the week, adequate donations will be secured to hire a .5 FTE Fit City Coordinator. Dr. Vedder has suggested several issues to the Mayor to take to Washington DC to discuss with the congressional delegation he is meeting with; WIC, bioterrorism and prevention block grant funding, all facing funding cuts.

Administration - James Alexander - 5 Minutes

No report, excused absence

Environmental Health and Labs Division - Tommye Schneider - 5 Minutes

The Environmental Health Supervisor, Doug Voegeli, who has been on military leave since June, will return in April at the earliest. Schneider has been supervising 13 additional staff in his absence. A new Tobacco Compliance Coordinator has been hired and for the first time, our youth access tobacco checks will be done through our department. Several staff have been working with the Madison Post Office on a new biological detection system and how the health department would respond if a large number of people were exposed to anthrax.

Community Health Division - Muriel Nagle - 5 Minutes

Muriel Nagle is a member of the WI Public Health Association Board and they are working through a lobbyist about funding cuts. The division is currently working a long term system to track chronic disease and health conditions. The first rendition could come at the end of the year and is being done with Dane County. It may be possible to form a standing advisory group and maintain stakeholders to do the "report card" on a continuing basis. Bulgrin requested business being invited to participate. A written report on oral health will be provided to the Commission in April.

H New Business - 5 Minutes

1. **00568** Authorizing the Madison Department of Public Health to accept contributions up to \$24,000 from Fit City partners to support the Fit City Program in 2005.

A motion was made by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Olson, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES It was requested that issues related to Fit City be available to minority communities. Concern was expressed over continuing this issue in light of unification and the hope that it will become a greater Madison project. The motion passed by acclamation.

2. **00561** Amending the 2005 Public Health Operating Budget to allow for the carryover and expenditure of 2004 Bioterrorism Grant funds.

A motion was made by Frey III, seconded by Dye, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.

I Committee Reports

Bulgrin reports items of discussion; road salt in Madison, outside lighting and advertising on the new trash containers.

J Correspondence

K Agenda Items for April 4, 2005 Meeting

Updates on Safe Food Crew; Health Council; Oral Health

L Adjourn

at 8:43 p.m.