



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, September 19, 2011

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 103A, City-County Building.  
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

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### z CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 -  
Ald. Anita Weier; Patricia A. Lasky; Dan Melton; Lori O. Grant; Roger T. Bannerman and James P. Bennett
- Absent:** 1 -  
Kathryn Vedder
- Excused:** 2 -  
Steven M. Fix and Reginald N. Weide

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. [18528](#) Discussion of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks Residue  
  
City Engineering and Mayoral staff have had conversations about how to possibly fund a study that would look at environmental impacts from fireworks, specifically at Warner Park. Jim Bennett (committee member) offered to speak with Jim Carrier (Wild Warner) to discuss methods for structuring a study and ways to possibly leverage funds or graduate student work through the UW soils department. There is possible grant money for the research, staff will look into the deadline for the grant application.
2. [23541](#) MedDrop Box Program  
  
Lori (chair) signed a letter addressed to the Alders, which recommended supporting the expansion of the MedDrop box program in the city and supplementing the annual disposal costs.
3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
  
None
4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:  
  
-The Water Utility will be moving to monthly bills by the end of 2012.

-Elevated Radium levels were found at Well 19, source unknown; Water Utility will do additional testing.

-A graduate student is working with Ken Bradbury, USGS on tracking viruses in drinking water and groundwater in general. Early testing shows groundwater and surface water having similar peak times, indicating that the viruses are getting into groundwater faster than perhaps initially thought. The student is looking at what environmental factors might be triggering this quick water movement through bedrock fractures.

5. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

6. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

Mostly budget-related discussions including program cutbacks and layoffs.

7. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

-The pilot organics collection is proving successful thus far, with a little over 400 total households participating.

8. [19947](#) Discussion of Future Items

Future items:

1. Brittingham Beach Enclosure pilot
2. Update on fireworks study
3. Terrace rain garden program

**ADJOURNMENT**

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