

33.31 - SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE.

The Sustainable Madison Committee takes a leadership role in the promotion of sustainability and environmental protection for the City of Madison, the Madison community, and the region. The committee consists of ~~fifteen (15)~~ **eleven (11)** members plus ~~three~~ **two** alternates: at least one (1) Common Council member, one (1) Board of Public Works member (who may also be a Council member), and ~~thirteen (13)~~ **nine (9)** ~~various experts and~~ community representatives with an interest in sustainability (no more than two (2) of whom may also be Council members). ~~Members shall, collectively, represent the following areas of expertise:~~ **Members shall be resident members that bring, collectively, a variety of different perspectives and experience related to:** (1) Air, (2) water, (3) energy, (4) transportation and land use, (5) food, (6) the built environment, (7) finance, economics and workforce, (8) culture (health, education, arts), ~~(9) environmental protection,~~ **(9) environmental justice, (10) climate, and (11) youth perspectives (ages 14-24)**. The Mayor shall strive to appoint members drawn from the following portions of the community: Neighborhood groups, sustainability activists, **youth (ages 14-24)**, business people, educational institutions and the development community. Members and alternates are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council. Members and alternates shall be appointed for a term of two years, with terms expiring June 30 with the exception of aldermanic members and the Board of Public Works member. The term of aldermanic members shall expire with the expiration of their terms as alders and the term of the Board of Public Works member shall expire with their term on Board of Public Works.

Notes:

- This includes Xanthe's youth language
- This includes accessible language changes recommend by Cristina. We also wanted to include environmental justice and climate in the list of perspectives.
- Staff is still recommending a reduction to 13 members, but if the committee feels that 15 is better, then that is fine. Just to note, we have a list of perspectives that we would like to include on the committee. This is by no means an exhaustive list nor is it necessary that we have all 11 perspectives covered at any given time. That being said, many members have experience in multiple areas and I suspect we have these already covered a few times over.
- I do not anticipate the smaller committee size to impact our working groups and the need to staff and publicly post meetings. Since none of our working groups are working on policy (ordinance changes, etc.) and instead are working on outreach and internal accountability, my understanding is that they are not in conflict with open meeting laws. So, removing members, while impacting a walking quorum, will not require us to post or staff meetings.