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Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, April 20, 2015

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 313 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order following verification that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Others present: Jeanne Hoffman, Karl van Lith, Lynette Rhodes and Nancy Saiz.

Present: 10 - John M. Conowall; Rajan V. Shukla; John M. Robinson; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Jesse J. Shields; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Richard A. Heinemann; Michael J. Vickerman and Sophia S. Rogers

Absent: 3 - Hans J. Hinke; Richard J. Pearson and David P. Rhode

Excused: 5 - David Ahrens; Zachary T. Schuster; Anya M. Firszt; Chelsea Chandler and Bradley Campbell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Conowall, seconded by Rogers to refer the Minutes to the next meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public registered to speak

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals

1. [38084](#) Presentation of Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative. (RESJI)

Attachments: [RESJfast.pdf](#)

Three priority areas were identified for focused efforts by RESJI.

Equity in City operations

Equity in City policies and budgets

Equity within the community

Rhodes and Saiz shared the RESJI Vision and the Equity Impact Assessment Tool with the Committee. The RESJI Vision:

Imagine a Madison where.....

Living wage jobs, safe neighborhoods, high-quality education, a healthy sustainable natural environment, parks and green spaces, efficient public transit, affordable and safe housing and healthy food are afforded to all residents.

The benefits of growth and change are equitably shared across our communities.

All residents have opportunities for fair and just inclusion in public processes and decisions; and

One's future is not limited by race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, income, place of birth, place of residence or other group status.

Rhodes and Saiz walked the committee through the RESJI Tool and gave examples of how the tool has been used within city agencies. The RESJI team would like all committees to review their policy decisions through the equity lens and the committee agreed.

Shields asked if the City was coordinating efforts with the County, as MG&E has been working with the County of disparity issues. Saiz stated that there are County members on the RESJI team and that some coordination is occurring. Saiz stated that RESJI will work on breaking down City silos at first, but do want to look at inter-governmental cooperation. The City does also belong to the Government Alliance for Racial Equity.

Breidenbach asked how success will be measured. Saiz and Rhodes said that RESJI is working on measures and that the City is also looking to have Equity Coordinator and Data Coordinator positions filled within the next few months. These positions will work on measures, outside of the current ones of numbers of employees completing RESJI training, baseline survey data on equity in City operations data and the Racial Disparity Report data that was generated in 2013.

The Committee discussed using this tool as it works on initiatives for SMC.

2. [36158](#)

Sustainable Madison Committee Working Groups
a. Task: ID necessary support for work objectives

Groups met with on their topics and reported out

Affordable Housing

John Conowall – Building Affordable Housing on underutilized sites.
Committee discussed having Matt Wachter from Community Development Authority – speak in the future. How can we make sure that Race and Social Justice are part of our decisions and work?

Conway also suggested having people from Darbo or Allied also come and speak.

Natural Systems

Green - We do not know if WU has used Race and Equity for the new rate structure? The new Smart Meters help with conservation and help with leak detection but what about for people without computers? What is WU doing to market the new meter program and when is the rate going to go to council?

Carbon and Energy

Heinemann talked about how there is a sub-group meeting to talk about Energy Plan. Also talked about PACE. For renewable energy or energy efficiency – PACE doesn't need up-front money.

Use this Race and Social Justice lens for the work plan.

Energy Plan sub-group is meeting at April 29th – at 3pm at Central Library

Transportation

Shields - Expand – access to sustainable transportation – metro/biking. Where is the funding going to come from for metro – and planning and growth.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heinemann, seconded by Breidenbach, to Adjourn at 6:35 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.