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Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

4:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: 10 -

Sherrie Gruder; Michael J. Vickerman; Christopher J. Laurent; Richard J. Pearson; David W. Drummond; Garrick R. Maine; Lou W. Host-Jablonski; Richard A. Heinemann; Sam J. Breidenbach and Trevor H. Flanery

Excused: 3 -

Ald. Paul E. Skidmore; Ald. Jill Johnson and Lucas K. Dailey

Others present: Jeanne Hoffman and Karl van Lith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 20th meeting were not posted to Legistar yet and were not available for approval at this time.

Present: 7 -

Ald. Paul E. Skidmore; Ald. Jill Johnson; Lucas K. Dailey; Christopher J. Laurent; Richard J. Pearson; Garrick R. Maine and Lou W. Host-Jablonski

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

21481

To approve the Madison Sustainability Plan.

General goals (p.7)

Citizen recommended adding a reduction in noise pollution goal - specifically in regard to relocating airport.

NO ACTION.

Goal 1: Improve air quality (p.8 Citizen group recommended adding Goal 8 "Reduce pesticide use." See attachment at end of document.

SEND MEMO TO GARRICK, SUE, GARY AND ASK FOR INPUT. REVIEW SUGGESTION AT NEXT MEETING.

Add goal regarding in-door air quality (COE)

PAGE-64-65 – UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH PUT IN IEQ.

Goal 2: Improve ground water/drinking water quality (p.9) Add action to reduce outdoor fires and fire pits (PC)

EDITS

No Action: Already addressed – last action under goal one – improve air quality.

Action 3: additional wording suggested in example. (e.g., educational efforts, county wide anti-idling polices, and retrofit diesel fleet.)

Goal 3: Improve surface water quality (p.10) Action item 5: Word change from "pass" to "adopt". DMI EDIT

YES

Add Public Health of Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) to first sentence along with WU, since they do testing. (PHMDC)

YES

Add to Partners line as well. EDIT

YES

Give example of containments in 3rd strategy-- e.g., road salt (COE)

No Action - this is goal – not needed to have specifics – groups that work on this should develop strategies.

Goal 4: Increase water conservation (p.11) Change "Create" to "Enhance user-friendly...

YES do this.

(WU feels user friendly method for notification of water quality issues already

exists) EDIT

Goal 5: (p.12) landfill reduction Combine with goal 7 (Storm water utility and PC recommendation) MODIFY??

Strategy 1: Add sentence. C” Continue to reduce, in measurable terms, pollutants in storm water run-off after 2013. DMI EDIT?

Goal 6 (p.13) restore/maintain habitat First paragraph under goal 3 – YES ADD.

Action item on “meeting” NR151 and Chapter 14 conflicts with Goal 7 which asks for “more stringent” requirements. DELETE, MODIFY OR COMBINE—(PC)

SEE ABOVE

Add TIF and Storm water funds to budget section. DMI EDIT

YES

Add action: Install mechanical storm water filters where terrain provides a grade differential. (DMI) EDIT

STAFF TO TALK WITH ENGINEERING ABOUT THIS.

Goal 7: (p14) Improve storm water management Action item 2: Replace “Encourage..” with “Educate builders and property owners of commercial buildings to design and retrofit buildings to maximize water use efficiency.” EDIT.

No Action

(DMI) Also add TIF to funding sources.
Yes

3RD SENTENCE UNDER GOAL 4

Reduce dependence on potable water by using storm water.

Action item 5 should say “Investigate and implement through building code and public health policy changes the use of gray water systems.” (PC) EDIT

Delete – policy/zoning – and change to state approval.

Add action about investigating unnecessary barriers in city policies/zoning/codes that preclude them from implementing grey water systems.

Action item 5 change. Develop guidelines to permit well managed home composting...PC states that it is already permitted and that it should state “promote.” EDIT

YES

Action item 6: DMI recommends deletion. DELETE EDIT???

Staff to email George to confirm.

Action item 8: Reword-Educate, businesses, landlords and youth about recycling. (DMI) EDIT

Add: Tenants

Strategy 5: BID feels Plan should not promote more park and open space in downtown areas-they want more infill. MODIFY OR DELETE

ADD: Existing to "preserve and restore" and take out historic.

Move Central Park Plan goal to action item.

Strategy 6: Reword "Reduce impacts from invasive species on all lands, including natural areas and backyards." DMI EDIT?

Change to public and private lands.

Additional goal strategy recommended: "Develop and implement a Conservation Plan for specific conservation and park lands." (Parks, citizen input) EDIT

Ok to add but add "publicly-owned" conservation and parks lands...

Additional strategy suggested: "Protect and increase amount of continuous woodland /forest." DMI EDIT?

Second action add woodlands after open space and ninth action – promote, expand and replace tree canopy... and woodland...

Action item 7—define and/or give examples of "non-traditional green space" (PC) EDIT

Glossary – non-traditional green space – pocket parks, green roofs, rain gardens, bio-swales, terraces, traffic islands... (?) Glossary... or in the action item...

Action item 7—Adding open vistas to streetscape redesign. (DMI) EDIT

Not included – a planning consideration – will discuss then.

Combine with Goal 4 (PC and engineering staff) MODIFY??

For Goal 2 and Goal 3 add a reference to See Goal 7 regarding Stormwater.. and maybe Goal 4.

Strategy 1: "more stringent requirements" for NR 151 and Chapter 14 opposed by GMCC, Engineering, EDC—existing regs meet needs of community—already does 90%) DELETE OR MODIFY

Develop local requirements that would reduce/limit the exceptions NR 151 and Dane County Chapter 14.

Strategy 2: Engineering feels that potable water segment of strategy not impacted by storm water management – use of gray water needs state building code change.) MODIFY

Keep in...roof water used for landscaping or gray water.

Action item 1: Engineering feels that change to state building code regarding gray water will need to be part of plan. MODIFY

See goal 4 action 5.

Action item 3: Engineering wants examples of “developer incentives” EDIT

(TIF, Federal Funds, expedited permitting, trade-off, equivalencies with documentation.)

Under e.g. use of parkland for creative storm water management in collaboration with private development.

Action item 4: Example of Odana Golf course infiltration project disputed by citizen and engineering input—saline levels—suggested removing example. MODIFY OR DELETE

Remove example.

Action item 6: Engineering & DMI state all surface parking lots are already part of fee structure. DELETE OR MODIFY

Remove.

Action item 9: Engineering feels revising curb and gutter specs for increasing rain gardens would require significant dollar investment. NO ACTION?

No action

Action item 10: Engineering feels permeable pavement not suitable for streets or park areas.

MODIFY?

Add “where appropriate before e.g

Action item 11: Engineering already allows impermeable cover charge—not necessary DELETE OR MODIFY

Create a rebate program for rain garden installations to encourage residential rain gardens and provide residents with a on-line calculator and other tools as needed.

Action item 12: Add “domestic and commercial use...(DMI) EDIT

Add commercial after domestic and industrial too.

Action item 13: Engineering state that detention ponds and rain gardens already allowed as green space requirement. DELETE OR MODIFY

Delete.

PLANNING & DESIGN

Planning and Design (p.15) Consider moving "pure" transportation goals to the Transportation category. Focus of current Transportation section is only on alternative transportation and so would benefit for other goals. (PC) MODIFY?

SDE feels that Land Use Planning and Transportation are intrinsically linked and therefore transportation goals will remain in the planning section.

Goal 1 (p.16) Improve transportation planning - Clarify how plans and transportation goals link to existing multiple planning processes, initiatives and plans. EDIT

General Comments one and two – Staff to provide more information.

Add encourage relocation of DC Airport. (citizen) NO ACTION

No Action

Add "and systems" to end of goal statement. (DMI) EDIT

OK and space in title

Actions overlap with Goal 1 of Transportation category. (PC) MODIFY OR EDIT?

No action – this plan is interconnected...

Goal 2: (p. 17) Foster holistic land use - Action item 2: Include DC RTA and Metro Transit on team. (PC) EDIT

Yes

Two addition action items suggested:

1. Provide the next generation of bicycle facilities including bike stations, bike boxes, bike cages, bike streets, bike lanes, bike traffic lights, lighted bike trails with segregated lanes for bikes, pedestrians and runners and B-Cycle stations.

Yes and Combine with action 7

2. Establish a fully operational Regional Transportation Authority. (DMI) EDIT??

Move to Transportation section

Missing: Actions or a goal for addressing development on the edges of city (PC) ADD

Review land use plans on the edge of the city to ensure compliance with

sustainability principles through open and transparent process with all stakeholders.

Missing: Goal for reviewing NH plans regularly (PC) ADD

Review NH plans regularly to bring them into alignment with the broader goals of the city. through open and transparent process with all stakeholders.

Missing: Goal to create process to help identify and entitle community gardens sites around the city. (PC) ADD

Page 19 goal 4 action 6 add develop process (use Parks process as an example).

Missing: Goal for Planners to be more involved in transportation improvement project selection process. (PC) ADD

Add Involve Planner....

Missing: Develop a Redevelopment Plan for the city which includes eliminating blight in all neighborhoods. Concentrate on infill development to maximize use of existing infrastructure. DMI ADD

Goal 2 - Add action – Prioritize infill development to maximize use of existing facilities.

Goal 2 – action two add blight... the city which includes eliminating blight in all neighborhoods.

Strategy 1: 2nd sentence word change. “ Madison should lead in sustainability, which helps create a stronger economic base.

Goal 3 Support sustainable buildings and infrastructure. (p.18) - Leave surrounding area because it is important to get other governments/communities to also become more sustainability.

City of Madison should lead the region

Edit economic wording above

Sustainability “system thinking” principles should apply to all City and Private planning efforts. “ DMI EDIT??

Yes

Strategy 3: What does “have access to daily needs” mean in terms of level of access? Felt support of this may be difficult particularly on edges of city. Questioned why ½ mile radius was selected—need context. (PC) CLARIFY

½ mile is a good distance for walking – and having a transit stops...

Action 3: Inventory of undeveloped land, brown field sites already exists per

PC. ACTION NOT NEEDED.

Add – Publicize /Educate the inventory....

Action 4: Implementing Transfer of Development rights seen as fostering sprawl and it should be removed. (PC) DELETE OR MODIFY

Delete...

Goal 4: Promote and foster local food. (p.19) -Action 7: Min/maximum parking thresholds seen as negative and barriers to development. Remove. (EDC and BID) DELETE OR MODIFY

Staff – need to get information with staff...

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jablonski moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Maine. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.