



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, September 21, 2015

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108 (City-County Building)  
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Elizabeth Katt-Reinders called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., following verification that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Others present: Katie Crawley, Assistant to the Mayor; Mike Dailey, Deputy City Engineer; Johanna Johnson, City Engineering Division.

**Present:** 8 - Zach Wood; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Timothy D. Baker; Katherine R. Mitchell; Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders and Patricia J. Gadow

**Excused:** 1 - Tyler D. Leeper

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Minutes made by Fix, seconded by Lasky. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were members of the public in attendance for two agenda items. No members of the public registered to speak on items that were not listed on the agenda.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

1. [36426](#) REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

2. [40148](#) LAKE WINGRA WATERSHED PLAN & LEAF COLLECTION STUDY

**Attachments:** [09212015-COE.pdf](#)  
[OdanaLeafPilotStudyAreas 2015.pdf](#)

Phil Gaebler, City Engineering Division, presented the draft copy of the Lake Wingra Watershed Management Plan. He also explained the Leaf Collection Study that is being conducted as part of the Lake Wingra Watershed planning effort, in cooperation with the Friends of Lake Wingra.

N. Lofton, Van Deusen St. registered to speak regarding on-street parking near Woodland Montessori School on Colby St. He said that the on-street parking is impeding street sweepers from adequately cleaning gutters of debris and leaves. Ald. Wood said he will contact District 13's Alder, Sara Eskrich, to share the citizen's concerns and gather additional information. Committee members said they would like more information to consider if this is an issue for future discussion.

Committee members discussed the draft of the Lake Wingra Watershed Management Plan. Motion made by Fix, seconded by Gadow to continue discussion on Plan at October meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [40058](#)

Accepting the Pollinator Protection Task Force Report as the guiding document for the City of Madison to address the issue of pollinator decline and directing the Madison Food Policy Council, with assistance of city staff, to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

**Attachments:** [Pollinator Protection Task Force Report Final.pdf](#)  
[statement to pollinator committees \(2\).pdf](#)  
[Pollinator Memo.pdf](#)

Motion made by Fix, seconded by Ald. Wood to accept the report with particular emphasis placed on recommendation No. 5: Revise the "natural lawns" permit requirements (p. 26 of report). Ald. Wood said he would consider sponsoring resolution.

**Motion made by Fix, seconded by Ald. Wood to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendations: Approve with particular emphasis on Recommendation No. 5: Revise the "natural lawns" permit requirements and "noxious weeds" policy to broaden the opportunity for homeowners to attract pollinators by utilizing native species and gardens. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Mark Woulf, Food & Alcohol Policy Director and staff to the Madison Food Policy Council, presented the Pollinator Protection Task Force Report.

Members of public registered in support of the report:

J. Tierney, Lake Mendota Dr. Spoke in support.

J. Rosenbaum, Winston Dr. Spoke in support of policy direction outlined in the report and said the ordinance for natural lawns needs to be updated. She spoke of the difficulty and challenges she has encountered while trying to obtain a permit for a natural lawn. COE members expressed support for the report's recommendation to revise the "natural" lawns permit requirements. Ald. Wood said he would consider supporting an ordinance resolution.

S. Windstrand, Branford Ln., retired Parks Division employee, spoke in favor of the report. He said spot mowing practices/targeted approach on City owned land such as parks and greenways helps to protect and promote pollinator habitats. The Parks Division has worked to implement spot mowing and it has made a difference.

L Yahr, Redwood Ln., registered in support.

J. Holte, Regal Rd., registered in support.

S. Reindollar, Gregory St., registered in support.

C. Landsness, Ring St., registered in support.

N. Fey, W. Wilson St., member of Pollinator Protection Task Force, registered in support.

4. [40149](#)

COE COMMUNICATION OUTREACH EFFORTS

This Discussion Item was Referred to the Committee on the Environment's next meeting in October.

**REPORTS**

5. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**None.**
6. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD  
**Delmore reported the Water Utility's request for a conservation rate has been filed with the Public Service Commission.**
7. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**None.**
8. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY  
**Lasky reported no items from the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County were related to the COE.**
9. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT  
**Dailey reported the annual Stormwater Utility & Sewer Utility newsletter. Madison Water Ways, was mailed to 52,000+ residential homes. A copy of the newsletter is available on the City's web page, <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/stormwater/documents/MadisonWaterways2015.pdf>.**  
**The newsletter highlights issues that the COE is working on, including proper disposal of medications to protect water resources and the importance of reducing road salt.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Fix, seconded by Ald. Wood to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**