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Meeting Minutes SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, August 25, 2025

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting.

The City of Madison is holding the Sustainable Madison Committee meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:34pm

Present: 10 - Davy Mayer; Heather M. Driscoll; Susan B. Millar; Samantha M. Worden; Erinn Monroe-Nye; Kai L. Brito; Riley P. Willman; E. Cristina Carvajal; Samuel J. Dunaiski and Kimberly Cho

Absent: 1 - Badri Lankella

Excused: 2 - Sean O'Brien and Natalie L. Lesnjak

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the 06/23/25 meeting were approved by unanimous consent. Motion by Samantha Worden, seconded by Riley Willman.

Public Comment

1. [84854](#) Public Comment

Attachments: [2025_08_25_Steve_Books_Public_Comment.pdf](#)
[2025_08_25_Smart_Growth_Public_Comments.pdf](#)
[2025_08_25_Smart_Growth_Public_Recommended_Changes.pdf](#)

Two public comments.

Disclosures and Recusals

Erinn Monroe-Nye discloses that she works for MGE who undertakes tree-trimming activities and will be abstaining from the vote around tree protection policy.

New Business

2. [89254](#) Amending Sections 4.095, 10.05, 10.055, 10.08, 10.101, 23.24 and 1.08(3)(a) and Creating Section 10.105 of the Madison General Ordinances to enhance the City's street tree protection provisions and to establish a Street Tree Replacement Fund.

Attachments: [89254 Body - Version 2](#)
[Tree Protection Specifications-Proposed Updates.pdf](#)
[Tree Protection Ord Changes \(7.22.25\).pdf](#)
[89254 Public Comment 8-9-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comments 8-10-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comments 8-11-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comment 8-20-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comment 8-22-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comments 8-25-25.pdf](#)
[File 89254 -- FC Comment 08.25.25.pdf](#)
[Tree Protection Specifications-Proposed Updates \(08.28.25\).pdf](#)
[Public Comment Save Our Street trees 9-1-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comment 89254-Tree protections 9-2-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comment 89254 Support for Trees 9-2-25.pdf](#)
[Public Comments on Street Tree Protection Ordinance 9-3-25.pdf](#)
[89254 Body - Version 1](#)
[89254 Master Report - Version 1](#)

A motion was made by Alder Mayer, seconded by Samantha Worden to Recommend to Council to Adopt. The motion passed by unanimous consent (Erinn Monroe-Nye abstained).

Discussion Items

3. [89593](#) How Air Quality is Changing in Madison

Attachments: [Holloway_Madison_Talk_8_2025.pdf](#)

Motion to postpone to September 15 meeting from Heather Driscoll, seconded by Alder Mayer.

4. [89594](#) Summary of Summer Internship Projects (Sustainable Purchasing Policy and Comparison of Energy Star Qualification vs. Base-Code)

Attachments: [Ella Ricketts_Energy Star vs ASHRAE Final Report.pdf](#)
[Emma Seaberg_Sustainable Purchasing Policy_SMC Draft.pdf](#)
[2025_08_25_Summer Internships Recap.pdf](#)

Overview presentation of the final products delivered by the Sustainability Office's two summer interns. One report on the cost of pursuing Energy Star certification for multifamily developments, the other a draft of a sustainable purchasing plan for the City of Madison. Presentation from Gregg May.

5. [89595](#) Staff Report on Ongoing Sustainability Efforts

Attachments: [2025_08_25 Staff Presentations_final.pdf](#)

Update on the ongoing activities within the Sustainability Office from Gregg May.

Upcoming Officer Vote

Discussion of co-chairs and nominations. Kimberly Cho is nominated for co-chair by Susan Millar, seconded by Heather Driscoll.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Cristina Carvajal, seconded by Alder Mayer. Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm