



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, March 16, 2009

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108, City-County Building.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

William C. Sonzogni; Lori O. Grant; Larry Palm; Michael W. Rewey;
Jonathan H. Standridge; Roger T. Bannerman; Reginald N. Weide and
Keith W. Pierce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Grant, seconded by Pierce, to Approve the Minutes .
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13990](#) Starkweather Creek

Genesis gave a brief overview of what projects Engineering has recently been involved in along Starkweather Creek, including streambank work, bike paths, greenways, and catch basins. Alder Palm noted that a plan has been created for the watershed, and that smaller projects that were recommended in the plan shouldn't be ignored in favor of larger, more expensive projects.

A motion was made by Sonzogni, seconded by Palm, to request that staff provide the Commission with suggestions or recommendations on specific projects from the Starkweather Creek Master Plan (that would continue the improvement of Starkweather Creek) that the Commssioners can then review and prioritize. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Starkweather Creek Master Plan:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/stormwater/starkweathercreek.cfm>

UW Water Resource Mgmt Plan:

<http://www.nelson.wisc.edu/wrm/workshops/2005/report.pdf>

2. [13991](#) Phosphorus in Road Salt

City staff have been investigating the phosphorus content of road salt and winter sand-salt mix as well as a new product called "Ice Slicer" that Streets used in a pilot during the past winter. The results for the Ice Slicer have been all over the place. Commissioner Rewey also voiced concern about any other

environment issues associated with alternatives to road salt.

Commissioners requested a mass balance and better comparison of the phosphorus content of the various materials and how they compare to the levels of phosphorus removed with the establishment of the phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer ordinance.

REPORTS

3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

1. The toilet rebate is gaining in popularity
2. It is 'water leak detection week'
3. Water Utility is moving ahead with a proposal to change to radio-operated meters which would make it easier to change to a more frequent billing cycle

5. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

6. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

1. Plastic bags - a proposed ordinance is being drafted by city staff which would restrict the disposal of plastic bags and encourage recycling of them at various locations around the city (though NOT in our recycling containers). The COE will have a chance to review any proposed changes and offer suggestions/recommendations.
2. Membership - there is still an empty spot on the Commission; if anyone has anyone they would like to suggest as a member, they should send that information to Mike Dailey.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Pierce, to Adjourn . The motion passed by voice vote/other.