



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, May 19, 2008

4:45 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

**Present:** 7 -

Larry Palm; Bill Sonzogni; Jonathan H. Standridge; Roger T. Bannerman;  
Bruce C. Dickie; Reginald N. Weide and Keith W. Pierce

**Excused:** 1 -

Michael W. Rewey

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Elkinton registered to speak regarding her concerns about water quality and herbicide use in city parks, and is in favor of allowing wood burning to continue.

Linda Karr registered to speak in favor of an ordinance that would ban outdoor wood boilers.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **09512** Setting a goal of 65% waste diversion by recycling and composting for 2010 with progress towards the ultimate goal of zero waste.  
  
The Motion was to approve the Resolution with a modification to include exactly how the 2010 goal of 65% shall be achieved: is there a target audience or product that should be recycled more? Commission members also would like to see what the cost difference in tipping fees shall amount to, approximately, if the goal is met. (Motion by Bannerman, Seconded by Sonzogni, Unanimous approval).

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [09939](#) Discussion of Plastic Bag Presentation (attached)  
  
Chair Standridge gave a presentation on the importance of minimizing the use of plastic bags. Commission members felt that this is an issue worth pursuing. The joint subcommittee between COE and Solid Waste has not met yet, but it will take the lead on this issue.
3. [10072](#) Air quality concerns related to wood burning

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Sonzogni, to Approve with Amendment(s). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Commissioner Pierce requested that the word "underground" be taken out of the proposed wording for a resolution that would ban outdoor wood boilers within the City of Madison. Commissioners voiced some concern that there is currently no language that would allow higher-efficient wood boilers, but that since they will be able to see the resolution once more before it goes to the Common Council for final approval, this was not an issue that needed to be addressed immediately. Alder Palm has agreed to be a sponsor for the resolution.

#### REPORTS

4. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

5. [08478](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

None

6. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

7. [08481](#) REPORT FROM EROSION CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE:

The subcommittee held another meeting during which a presentation was given on the Green Tier Initiative by Don Esposito of Veridian. Don also noted that Veridian no longer allows front-end loaders to deliver construction materials since they tend to cause major erosion problems. Rather, booms must be used to deliver onsite.

8. [08482](#) REPORT FROM STAFF:

The Commission voted to keep Standridge and Pierce as chair and vice-chair, respectively. (Motion by Palm; Seconded by Bannerman; Unanimous approval).

#### ADJOURNMENT

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