



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, November 21, 2011

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 103A, City-County Building.  
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 -

Ald. Anita Weier; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Dan Melton; Lori O. Grant; Roger T. Bannerman; James P. Bennett and Reginald N. Weide

**Excused:** 1 -

Kathryn Vedder

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. [24468](#)

A Resolution Adopting the Downtown Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

Bill Fruhling, City Planning, highlighted several projects outlined in the Downtown Plan, including Law Park, Lake Mendota path, and Brittingham Beach. Bill stressed that the specifics in the plan are in a conceptual phase, and that future work on any of these items would come before the COE for further review/comment. Committee members had some questions and concerns about the proposal to fill in part of Lake Monona at Law Park as well as the paved path along Lake Mendota since in some areas there would be a "hardening" of the shoreline where it is currently more natural. Members indicated they would like more time to review the plan before submitting their comments.

A motion was made by Melton, seconded by Ald. Weier, to Refer to the COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT and should be returned by 12/19/2011. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [18528](#)

Discussion of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks Residue

Committee members reviewed previous actions on this item, including the \$25,000 amendment to the 2012 city budget that directs Public Health to oversee this study, contingent on matching funds. Last week, the Mayor directed Health staff to review and create a revised budget for a more thorough, valid study.

One question that came up was with regards to the matching contingency, and whether that could be in kind field work or similar or if the match needs to be actual funds. The Mayor's office will need to answer that. Alder Weier also noted that she will be attending a meeting to discuss Rhythm and Booms and would ask the coordinator if there are any other available funds to put towards

this effort.

Committee members indicated that they would like to continue discussing ways to procure the matching funds with a special meeting before the next scheduled COE meeting (which is December 19) to focus specifically on this issue. Members would like to invite a DNR representative (likely Kurt Welke who has indicated some interest in this project), Katie Crawley of the Mayor's Office, and Public Health representatives who will be overseeing any project. Dan Melton reminded the COE that they are only one player in this now, and they are no longer in charge of any proposal that comes about since the Mayor directed Public Health to oversee any future work.

A motion was made by Fix, seconded by Ald. Weier, to request that a special meeting be scheduled to discuss this issue with representatives from Public Health, DNR, and the Mayor's Office. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [08477](#)

REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BPW received a presentation on the status of a pilot permeable pavement project in Allied Drive. The project involved installing 3 feet of permeable pavement in the center of an alley. The full length of the alley has a slight slope and the clear stone below the pavement was not installed with a flat bottom, but rather the bottom followed the slope of the pavement surface so that any infiltrating water would mostly flow to one end of the system instead of seeping in uniformly across the length of the system.

4. [08478](#)

REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

- A. Montgomery Associates has a proposal to investigate the source of PCE at Well 15 (near East Washington)
- B. Tradewinds test well on Far SE Side has a pretty high gamma count, which is a red flag according to Ken Bradbury, WGNHS
- C. From Bradbury: Radium is a complex issue. Can come from 'red shales,' which are very deep
- D. Dane County regional groundwater flow model: Aim to finish by July 2012
- E. Water Utility now has a contaminant 'Watch List,' thanks to former City Engineer Larry Nelson
- F. Board is looking to investigate viruses coming from leaky sewers in Wellhead Protection Areas
- G. Board's new 'Asset Protection' language will likely lead to more monitoring wells

8. [19947](#)

Discussion of Future Items

Next month there will be a presentation by Dave Taylor, MMSD, on Adaptive Management and how it may be used to meet phosphorus loading rules from the recently-adopted Rock River TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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