



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

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Monday, January 27, 2020

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 206 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Quorum was present and meeting was legally posted, so meeting was called to order by Chair LeZaks at 4:31 p.m.

**Present:** 10 - Tag Evers; Jonathan D. Hepner; Jessica M. LeClair; Lance E. Green; Cassandra K. Steiner; Jesse J. Shields; Denise DeMarb; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Matthew W. Braunginn and Samuel J. Dunaiski

**Excused:** 3 - Syed Abbas; Richard J. Pearson and Kyla H.S. Beard

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Shields, seconded by Evers, to Approve the Minutes from December 16, 2019. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**Excused:** 3 - Syed Abbas; Richard J. Pearson and Kyla H.S. Beard

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### PRESENTATION

1. **100% Renewable Update - Facilities**

Staff Bryan Cooper and Jon Evans presented on City Facilities as it pertains to the City's 100% Renewable and Net-Zero Carbon goals. Question from DeMarb on required standards. Cooper referred to Legistar file no. 07453 requiring LEED Certification at a minimum level Silver for all new construction and major renovation as well as the current efforts to update. Cooper reviewed the two Capital Budget funding sources for sustainability and energy efficiency for City facilities. Clarification requested from Green on the dates for renewable energy allocation to electricity. Question from Dunaiski on the inclusion of Alliant. Evans stated those meters would be insignificant as a percentage. Alder Evers asked for reduction examples. Evans gave examples of retrofits and retro commissioning efforts. Question from Steiner on zoning. Comment from Reece on the role of Department of Planning, Community & Economic Development. Clarification from Hepner on the number of projects. Cooper shared the City of Madison Projects website page where you can find more information.

Reece presented information on purpose of the Sustainable Madison Committee (SMC), as outlined in MGO 33.31, and provided a brief history of sustainability efforts within the City of Madison going back to 2005. She reviewed the City's Council approved sustainability framework (The Natural Step) and various milestones in the City's path to sustainability. Reece highlighted how the Sustainability Plan ties in with the City's comprehensive plan (Imagine Madison) and the seven elements of a great city. Along with these elements, SMC work should utilize the four lenses (Equity, Health, Sustainability and Adaptability) of the comprehensive plan when developing its on-going plans.

Reece also provided information on the City's Ethics Code, Open Meetings requirements, attendance, quorum and voting, and the roles of Chair(s) and members of SMC.

**REFERRED TO SMC**

2. [58222](#) Repealing Section 33.23 of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Ald. Evers, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Alder Grant Foster gave background to the action item including how it aligns with the recommendations from the Task Force on Government Structure. Question from Green on the Committee on the Environment. Clarification given on Legistar file no. 59138. Foster gave example of the reorganization of the Transportation Board & Commission. DeMarb stated the need to refine Ordinance 33.01. Foster referred to the file attachment "SWAC Priorities Document" Alder Evers stated the mixed sentiment and effectiveness of said committee. Green stated the Sustainable Madison Committee has a focus on policy whereas the Committee on the Environment focuses on gathering information.**

**Motion to Repeal Section 33.23 of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Moved by DeMarb, seconded by Evers. Voice Vote approval.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Legislative Process & Legistar

**Reece gave an overview of the legislative process example of the Urban Forestry Task Force by using Legistar as a tool to gather information.**

4. SMC Planning Process

**Presentation by LeClair on the proposed working groups for the committee including an overview of the existing standing working groups. Alder Evers stated interest to look into high performing buildings. Hepner stated interest in looking a TIF policy. Green stated interest in updating the Natural Systems chapter of the Sustainability Plan by reviewing existing goals. DeMarb asked Steiner about joining the Sustainability Plan Update working Group due to interest in Transportation, which is one of the chapters. Steiner stated that yes she was interested in joining. LeClair closed by discussion process, communication, and reporting out at the February meeting.**

5. Working Group Updates - Sustainability Plan (10-15 min)

**DeMarb reported on the first meeting of the working group looking to update the Sustainability Plan. The working group is currently working on a draft Resolution to outline and direct the working group's efforts. The work will tie into Performance Excellence as well as the Comprehensive Plan. Goal is to have ownership by departments and staff of the goals.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Hepner, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**