

Laptop City Hall: This week in the city

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The full weekly meeting schedule can be found [here](#).

Monday, Nov. 8: [Landmarks Commission](#), 4:45 p.m., Room LL-110 of the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The two big agenda items are an informational presentation on [potential changes to the St. Paul Catholic Center](#) as well as continuing discussion on [revisions to the landmarks ordinance](#).

Monday, Nov. 8: [Plan Commission](#), 5 p.m., Room 201 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This meeting will be shown live on the Madison City Channel (Charter 98/AT&T 99) and streamed live on their [website](#).

The commission will talk about how to deal with [potential changes to the city's comprehensive plan](#), including a few likely controversial ones (such as changing the designation of an area near Cherokee Marsh where Independent Living has proposed a senior living development). The comprehensive plan is generally important for planning how the city develops and what types of developments are allowed where-- state law has now strengthened that connection.

After that, the commission will move to other fun process/planning discussions, including giving their thoughts on the Economic Development Committee's [development review process](#) and the [zoning code rewrite](#).

Monday, Nov. 8: [Madison Arts Commission](#), 6 p.m., Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St.

Madison's arts-related committee will get a shot at giving their thoughts on the possibility for [city ownership of Overture Center](#), as well as a [general briefing](#) on what has been going on there and how the center relates to the city's cultural plan process.

Monday, Nov. 8: [James Madison Park Surplus Property Disposal Committee](#), 6 p.m., Room 108 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

This committee will pick up where the [James Madison Park Property Planning Committee](#) left off and will begin planning for the sale of several houses in James Madison Park (on Gorham Street).

Tuesday, Nov. 9: [Community Development Authority Subcommittee](#), 12 p.m., Room 313 of the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Several updates on CDA projects, including Burr Oaks Senior Housing, Allied Drive, The Villager Mall and Truax Park Apartments.

Tuesday, Nov. 9: [Habitat Stewardship Committee](#), 4 p.m., Room 104 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

This subcommittee of the Parks Commission will tackle the discussion on planning a city response to the potential invasion of the emerald ash borer.

Tuesday, Nov. 9: [City Council Organizational Committee](#), 4:30 p.m., Room 103A of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The committee will discuss the [Overture Center Ad Hoc Committee's final report](#) and then likely go into closed session to further discuss the [proposed agreement for city ownership of the arts center](#).

Tuesday, Nov. 9: [City Council](#), 6:30 p.m., Room 201 of the City-County Building, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This meeting will be shown live on the Madison City Channel (Charter 98/AT&T 99) and streamed live on their [website](#).

On the agenda:

- Several ethics ordinance additions/amendments, including [establishing rules to allow a third-party to pay for a city official's permitted expenses](#) and [allowing an incumbent to solicit funds under certain conditions](#).

- This will get referred to next week, but you can still speak on it: the [2011 operating budget, with amendments from the Board of Estimates](#)
- [Changing the requirement for landlords to notify tenants of their right to inspect photographic evidence of alleged damages so that landlords must use a certain size font.](#)
- [Reconsidering a resolution that failed at the last meeting to hire an independent consultant to review the proposed "focus model" for Overture Center operation by a private nonprofit.](#)
- [Accepting a staffing study on Overture Center completed by city human resources staff](#)
- [Accepting the final report of the Overture Center Ad Hoc Committee](#)
- The [Overture Center city ownership agreement](#) is on the agenda, but scheduled for referral to Nov. 30. However, the CCOC may have a recommendation to be made from the floor according to the resolution, which would give people an idea of where the council is leaning.
- [Awarding federal money to a controversial senior housing project on the north side](#) (controversial because of its density and location near the Cherokee Marsh, as I understand it).

Wednesday, Nov. 10: [Board of Public Works](#), 4:30 p.m., Room GR-22 of the City-County Building, 22 S. Carroll Street entrance.

Lots of routine items, as well as the [supplemental environmental impact study for the state's Verona Road project](#).

Wednesday, Nov. 10: [Urban Design Commission](#), 4:30 p.m., Room LL-110 of the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The commission will discuss the [development review process](#) for awhile. Most of the design items are not controversial, but one that may be interesting is an informational presentation on the [major renovation of the St. Paul Catholic Center](#).

Wednesday, Nov. 10: [Alcohol License Review Committee](#), 5:30 p.m., Room 201 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This meeting will be shown live on the Madison City Channel (Charter 98/AT&T 99) and streamed live on their [website](#).

[Scennie Bar](#) and [Retro Tavern](#) (with accompanying entertainment licenses) return for another go for getting their liquor licenses -- both are downtown bars proposed for former bar locations (Cue-nique and a Capitol Square bar, respectively). Both have been vacant for more than a year, so bar licenses were originally disallowed under the alcohol license density ordinance, but that provision was recently suspended because of the recession and difficulty getting new businesses up and running.

Also on the agenda is a [new bistro/bar to replace Pug Mahone's on East Washington Avenue](#) and a [discussion on sentencing guidelines for license non-renewals](#).

Thursday, Nov. 11: [Community Development Authority](#), 4:30 p.m., Room 260 of the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Discussion on many of the CDA's ongoing projects, including Allied Drive ([a renaming effort for Phase 2](#) and the project's budget), Truax Park Apartments, the Truman Olson Army Reserve Center, Villager Mall/The Village on Park (including possibly [seeking New Market Tax Credits](#)) and Burr Oaks senior housing.

Thursday, Nov. 11: [Long-Range Transportation Planning Committee](#), Room 103A of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

On the agenda is a discussion on intercity rail/buses and a possible intermodal station downtown (which is getting more intriguing by the minute, for those following news from state government), the [supplemental environmental impact statement for the state's Verona Road project](#) and the [downtown plan](#).