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Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, February 20, 2017

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
City-County Building, Room 103A

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. following verification that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been properly noticed.

- Present:** 14 - David Ahrens; Jaclyn D. Lawton; Stacie A. Reece; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Jason A. Vargo; Maria A. Schletzbaum; Richard A. Heinemann; August R. McGinnity-Wake and Joseph M. Ryan
- Excused:** 3 - Sam J. Breidenbach; Jeannette E. LeZaks and Tracy E. Harvey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 23, 2017 made by Green, seconded by Shields. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Ferber spoke to the need for a small power lawn tool exchange program, where inefficient, noisy, two-stroke engines could be exchanged for credits towards 4 stroke, electric or other options. Suggested that www.agza.net (American Green Zone Alliance website) might be a good source for inspiration on this type of exchange and would be happy to make a longer presentation to the committee if needed. SMC, Committee on the Environment and Solid Waste Committee were all seen as possible presentation sites.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Reece disclosed she worked for Sustain Dane, who was making an informational presentation to the committee on the agenda.

PRESENTATION

1. [46134](#) Presentation by Sustain Dane on Sustainability Indicators by Jessie Lerner

Attachments: [SDsnapshot.pdf](#)
[SDsnapshotPrototype.pdf](#)

Jessie Lerner, Executive Director of Sustain Dane reviewed the Sustain Dane Snapshot Prototype webpage for the committee. Snapshot hopes to capture sustainability indicators in the region that will be useful in helping people see the sustainability picture in the greater Madison region. The systems approach to the indicators tries to help; define the Big S (system wide sustainability), connect individuals and organizations to the work on sustainability, encourage collaboration around sustainability and provide a venue for people to input other indicators on sustainability efforts.

Edgewood College students are currently working on an asset map and report for June 2017 that will help clarify some efforts and support the snapshot indicators as well. Committee members support efforts of Sustain Dane in this area and would like update on implementation as it moves forward. Lafferty, in his role in Public Health department, pledged to help Sustain Dane with incorporating Health and Equity components into the indicators. Vargo wanted to be sure that links were included in website that provides info on where the data comes from. Lawton concerned that tool may be too prescriptive and cause narrow thinking on topic. Heinemann, not as troubled by that, felt that prototype and thinking by Sustain Dane seemed focused on multi-faceted nature of sustainability efforts. Campbell thought prototype elements could lead to the development of a sustainability network around various system issues. Lerner agreed and feels that process in evolutionary and dynamic and should lead to connections. Ahrens wants to be sure focus is on next generation. Vargo feels national benchmarks are already there and that we should use them and focus efforts on moving the needle on sustainability efforts now.

Lerner will keep committee involved in evolution of documents and website. They have built the prototype with many inputs over the past 2 years and will continue to do so.

DISCUSSION

2. [45826](#) Authorizing Madison Water Utility to begin the planning and Citizen Advisory Process for a water-efficient demonstration home project.

Attachments: [45826 Version 1.pdf](#)

Tom Heikkinen, Director of the Water Utility discussed a resolution to create a water efficiency demonstration house on vacant Water Utility land on the east side. The house would match the size and scale of other housing in it neighborhood and eventually be sold at market rate that would cover the WU costs for the project. All elements of water conservation would be incorporated in the project. Committee members asked if energy conservation or zero-net energy could be incorporated in project. Heikkinen said it currently wasn't, but that it could be possible to look at energy efficiency as part of the demonstration project. Green moved to authorize Citizen Advisory Process with addition of energy efficiency to the resolution. Ahrens seconded. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. [46164](#) The Energy/Carbon Goal Resolution

Updated schedule on resolution discussed. Shukla, Reece and Hoffman will vet language and schedule with City Attorney.
[This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue.]

4. [46135](#) Update on PACE for Dane County

Attachments: [RE_pace.pdf](#)
[Re_pace1.pdf](#)
[Fwd_PACENation.pdf](#)

Vickerman provided update on PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy). Twelve Wisconsin counties have adopted so far. Dane County considering adoption in the next few months after review of program by County Corporate Counsel to ensure legal requirements met for special charge assessments in program. PACE Commission would be statewide and set parameters for lenders and others in program.
[This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue.]

5. [46136](#) Revisit presentations by members on sustainability topics, revisit schedule and provide an update

Shukla provided background on past schedule and how it had been interrupted by other Committee business. Reece and others wanted to reestablish schedule and Committee agreed that it should be added to agendas when it seemed like it would be appropriate to other items.
[Discuss and continue.]

6. [43380](#) Update on Energy Plan

Attachments: [ProgressReport20161213.pdf](#)

Heinemann stated that MG&E and City are continuing discussions with a scheduled meeting in March. Solar sites are a specific topic of conversation, along with benchmarking.

7. [44959](#) Street Tree Policies.

Attachments: [Tree Workgroup.pdf](#)
[Street Tree Planting Procedures.pdf](#)
[planting trees.pdf](#)
[Tree Subcommittee Basics 10-16-16LG.pdf](#)
[Wisconsin UFA Factsheet 01282016.pdf](#)
[Saratoga-springs.pdf](#)
[Jason Vargo-Street Tree Resources.pdf](#)
[Madison Ordinances on Trees.pdf](#)
[MadisonTreeWorkingGroupReport 1-17.pdf](#)
[Madison Utility Undergrounding Ordinances.pdf](#)
[Policy for funding the Undergrounding of Overhead Utility Lines.pdf](#)
[EAB 2016 Council Update.pdf](#)
[COM EAB Plan Update Sept 2013.pdf](#)
[Madison Forestry Program](#)
[City of Madison Street Tree Map](#)
[Canopy-by-parcel.pdf](#)
[Madison-trees](#)
[Madison Canopy Street Tree Group](#)
[Sustainable Atwood Tree Inventory](#)
[Final Tree Report 2008.pdf](#)
[SMC Tree WorkgroupPaper DRAFT3-3-17.pdf](#)
[FireProtectionandTrees Ruckriegel 1-5-17email.pdf](#)
[SMC Tree WorkgroupPaper 2ndDRAFT4-5-17.pdf](#)
[Ash Street Tree 1-20-2017.pdf](#)

Green reviewed sub-committee meetings and identified that have identified the need for creating a Urban Forest Master Plan, that would provide a long-term guidance document and policies for dealing with issues related to the urban forest. Ahrens may put forth a resolution to charge part of the EAB Plan, specifically the treatment of trees below power transmission lines.

8. [46166](#) Consideration to create a working group for the Comp Plan

Hoffman reviewed discussion with Brian Grady of Planning on possibility of working group that could provide input on Comp Plan. Help provide insights on Sustainability and Resilience lens. Timeline unknown. Campbell, Vargo, Green and van Lith volunteered to help. Hoffman to get more specifics from Planning.
[Discuss and continue]

9. [46167](#) Collaboration with the Committee on the Environment

Attachments: [City Committee List 9-11-10.pdf](#)

Shukla and Ahrens have meet with Alder Wood and Chair of Committee on the Environment to discuss possible joint meetings and collaboration opportunities. Further discussion of this topic was moved to March meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Lawton to Adjourn, seconded by Campbell. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.