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Meeting Minutes SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, May 22, 2023

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - MGR Govindarajan; Nikki Conklin; Nasra Wehelie; Heather M. Driscoll; Lance E. Green; Susan B. Millar; Kai L. Brito; Jeannette E. LeZaks; E. Cristina Carvajal; Samuel J. Dunaiski and Xanthe Z. Saalman

Absent: 4 - Samantha M. Worden; Denise DeMarb; Sujata Gautam and Riley P. Willman

Excused: 2 - Jesse J. Shields and James R. Alvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Nikki Conklin made a motion to approve the April 24th, 2023 Sustainable Madison Committee meeting minutes. Sam Duaiski seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [77940](#) Public Comment

There was one email comment in support of agenda item #2 from Marsha Cannon.

There were three registrants to speak:

--Mark Voss, voicing support for recommending adoption of the Task Force for Farmland Preservation's final report (agenda item #2)

--Marcia Caton Campbell, voicing support for recommending adoption of the Task Force for Farmland Preservation's final report (agenda item #2)

--Erik Paulson, voicing support for recommending adoption of the Task Force for Farmland Preservation's final report (agenda item #2)

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Heather Driscoll disclosed that her husband serves on the public service commission (relevant to agenda item #4)

Lance Green disclosed that he has been a member of the board of Save the Farm, a group working toward development of Voight farm (relevant to agenda item #2)

Sam Dunaiski disclosed that he is the executive director of Renew Wisconsin, presenting later in the meeting under agenda item #4

Cristina Carvajal disclosed that she is executive director for Wisconsin EcoLatinos, an organization that will be involved with proposed utility rate cases from MGE and Aliant Energy (relevant to agenda item #4)

Susan Millar disclosed that she is a member of 350 Wisconsin, an organization that will be involved with proposed utility rate cases from MGE and Alliant Energy (relevant to agenda item #4)

NEW BUSINESS

2. [77441](#) Adopting the Final Report of the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

Attachments: [Task Force on Farmland Preservation FINAL REPORT with attachments.](#)
[SGGM Letter to TF on Farmland Preservation 2023-05-10.pdf](#)
[Smart Growth's Concerns about Report from Task Force on Farmland Preservation](#)
[MGO 2.27 Memo - Farmland Preservation Task Force Report.pdf](#)
[Public Submittal - FPTF.pdf](#)
[Public Comment 05-16-23.pdf](#)
[Public Comment 05-22-23](#)
[053123-060623_CC_public_comments.pdf](#)
[Fey Comments to Council 6-6-23.pdf](#)
[Caton Campbell Public Comment 20230606.pdf](#)
[Task Force on Farmland Preservation Final Report 6-12-23.pdf](#)

Committee members highlighted elements in the report of particular significance to the in-progress updates of the Sustainability Plan Update and the Parks and Open Space Plan.

Current and former members of the Sustainable Madison Committee that served on the Farmland Preservation Task Force spoke about their positive experience and expressed gratitude to the Task Force members and leadership.

Members raised the option of writing a letter to the common council or other methods to emphasize elements of the report, including a food policy director position, restoring the integrated pest management policy task force, and the topic of housing.

Susan Millar, Lance Green, and Cristina Carvajal agreed to draft a letter for review at the next meeting.

Task Force members answered questions regarding additional consideration including agrivoltaics, tree canopy, and comments submitted by Smart Growth Greater Madison.

Resolution received unanimous approval.

3. [77941](#) Welcome New Alders

The committee welcomed Alder Govindarajan. He presented his personal introduction slide. Alder Nasra Wehelie will present next month.

4. [77942](#) Presentation by RENEW Wisconsin on the proposed utility rate cases from Madison Gas and Electric and Alliant Energy

Attachments: [City of Madison Net Metering.pdf](#)

Heather Allen with RENEW Wisconsin presented on the proposed utility rate cases from Madison Gas and Electric and Alliant Energy and answered questions from the committee.

5. [77943](#) Plans for June Meeting

At the June meeting, the committee will continue on the topic of youth participation and staff will give an update on the Sustainability Plan update.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cristina Carvajal, seconded by Lance Green, to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.