



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, May 15, 2017

4:30 PM

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 354 (City-County Building)

JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The joint meeting of the Sustainable Madison Committee and the Committee on the Environment was called to order.

Sustainable Madison Committee (SMC) members present:

David Ahrens; Stacie A. Reece; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Tracy E. Harvey; Richard A. Heinemann and Joseph M. Ryan

Also present: Ald. DeMarb, Jeanne Hoffman, Doug Voegli, and Karl van Lith.

Present: 8 - Zach Wood; Sara Z. Walling; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Timothy D. Baker; Katherine R. Mitchell and Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders

Excused: 1 - Patricia J. Gadow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Ferber-environmental advocate. Wanted to express support for City efforts for 100% renewable energy resolution. Feels it involved community and shows what community can do if it cares for environment. Feels we can do more and used example of San Diego's small engine exchange program, where tow cycle , polluting engines could be cut back with exchange program for electrical implements.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Campbell says his company will be applying for RFP on Energy Plan implementation. Not a conflict with this meeting.

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Discussion of potential merge or improved collaboration between Committee on Environment and Sustainable Madison Committee.

Shukla presented background of discussions between himself, Katt-Reinders (Chair of COE) and Alder Wood on merger or better collaboration between two committees. Historically have similar agendas, but COE has focus on water, lake quality and other natural system elements. SMC has broader sustainability focus with an emphasis on energy conservation. Various options were discussed: merging the two committees, holding joint meetings; have cross-over membership on each committee; have different meeting times for the two committees; joint membership on sub-committees formed to address specific topics and leaving things as is. Alder DeMarb put forth the idea of having a joint review team look at the charges/mission for each committee, determine some areas for collaborative work, and invite the Office of the City Attorney to sit in and review ordinance changes that might be necessary if merger arises as an option. The team will target to report back to both committees by the fall. Members should give some thought if they want to be on the review team; DeMarb, Wood, Mitchell, Leeper, Shukla and Katt-Reinders agreed to have an initial meeting to begin the process. Karl van Lith volunteered to staff the meeting(s). Hoffman will send out a Doodle poll to determine possible alternative meeting times for both committees, as this may be the easiest collaborative item to do quickly.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Katt-Reinders, seconded by Mitchell, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.