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Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 12 -

Lance E. Green; Ald. Paul E. Skidmore; Ald. Jill Johnson; Lucas K. Dailey;
Christopher J. Laurent; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; David W.
Drummond; Garrick R. Maine; Marc B. Kornblatt; Lou W. Host-Jablonski
and Richard A. Heinemann

Excused: 2 -

Sam J. Breidenbach and Jeannette E. LeBoyer

Others present: Karl van Lith, Jeanne Hoffman and Matt Tucker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was Approve the Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

NEW BUSINESS

[24275](#)

Creating Section 9.53 to provide for a license for keeping honeybees and amending portions of Chapter 28 of the Madison General Ordinances of the conservancy, agriculture, and residential districts to allow the keeping of honeybees as a permitted use.

Attachments: [Honeybee Ordinance FAQ.pdf](#)

Size of hive and location on lot is what the ordinance looks at.

Zoo has had honeybees for over 20 years with no problems as have Olbrich Gardens. Honeybees are nonaggressive and most allergic reactions are from other species such as hornets, yellow jackets, etc.

Ald. Rhodes Conway is here to as a sponsor.

Ordinance is looking at set-backs, a license so we know where they are and to keep water on the site. This ordinance is similar to other communities have. The Dane County Beekeepers Association has indicated that this draft may be too restrictive and staff is fine with looking at changes to the current draft.

In the Sustainability Plan – there goal under Economic Development are about increasing the local foods available for consumers – this is also helps in developing a local food network.

Lucas asked about roof top beekeeping?

Matt – the ordinance would allow for flexibility as long as the flight and setbacks are met.

Marc – what are the concerns of the honeybee association?

Matt – Has to deal with splitting a hive there is also an issue about elevating the flight line. If the buffering is too restrictive there will be some lots that can't have a hive, so there might be some changes there.

Lance – If hives facing away from the lot-line does that deal with the flight line?

Matt – This might make the ordinance more restrictive there have been a lot of conversations about with beekeepers about how to do this.

Dick – How does this compare with Milwaukee's ordinance?

Matt – Similar with specifics for our own environment.

Lou - Is there a variance where you can get the ok from the neighbors?

Matt – We don't want to get into this issue where we have to get the neighbor it is ok?

Curt Rosshimer: Representing the Dane County Beekeepers Associations. Never been a problem with neighbors. We are in agreement that we need an ordinance to keep beekeeping legal. We are going to be providing recommendations on how to improve the current ordinance. Support the license of beekeepers and the need to keep water on site.

Number of hives on site – if one hive dies in winter – can split a hive to recreate hives or to raise their own queens in a separate area. About 50% of hives don't make it through winter. These are some of the reason why we need flexibility with number of hives.

Hives need room so that the bees can flight out of the hive efficiently.

Group is working on getting more flexibility with setback so that beekeepers have flexibility.

Chris – how do you the queen is dead?

Curt – there are no eggs.

Paul – how high can hives bee on the roof?

Curt – they are trying to put them on roofs in NYC.

Chris – Are there any organization that will take care of bees on your property?

There is an organization that is looking into doing this.

Matt – we do have the authority to mitigate bad hives.

Ald. Rhodes Conway

Process: SDE one of 4 referral bodies – Plan is lead.

1) No or Yes we like it as is or make lines edits – or yes with the following this addressed.

It is at Community Gardens tonight and going back to Public Health and then Plan.

I wanted to City to say we are OK with honeybees and we are going to permitted here because of the local food angle – people are already doing it and there is not an issue so this should be recognized. Bees are cool – there many issues with honeybees with diseases – so doing this is good for all food systems. This is good for Madison and Dane County.

Language and where changes will be made.

Look at beekeepers comments, SDE, and Public Health and then present a substitute for Plan Commission to discuss.

Tweaking the numbers – increasing number of hives 3-5 (waiting to hear what beekeepers think) volume of the hives, the numbers regarding lot lines, principle structures, the fly way and water are important, the placement of the fly way barrier between the hive and the property line or the principle structure on the next lot, addressing skinny lots and sidewalks.

Had notification in the draft and took it out because there are issues. Need to notify the people on the property and landlords.

David – are there model ordinances or national models?

Curt – the bee keepers have been working on the ordinance and will offer their suggestions?

Matt – other ordinances are too restrictive.

Curt – there are really no urban beekeepers group nationally.

Lou – looking for a motion here?

Paul – move endorse in principal and ask that Plan committee work out the details

Marc – seconded the motion. It is a no-brainer to support this 3-5 hives seems low.

Paul – I really like this – this is sustainable agriculture.

Chris – agreed

Move approval. The Draft Ordinance Passed Unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

21481

To approve the Madison Sustainability Plan.

Attachments:

[Sustainability Plan_02-22-11.pdf](#)
[Studies on Pesticides and Health.pdf](#)
[BID_SustainPlan_Input.pdf](#)
[Mikolajewski Sustainability Plan Comments 3-10-11.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan Memo-CDBG_03-31-11.pdf](#)
[Engineering comments](#)
[BID_SustainPlan_Input.pdf](#)
[Registration Statement Sustainable Design CDBG April.pdf](#)
[GMCoc Sustainability Plan Memo_04-11-11.pdf](#)
[Klafka Comments on Madison Sustainability Plan dated October 281nov10.p](#)
[Widstrand Comments.pdf](#)
[Planning Division Memo 042811.pdf](#)
[ped bike .pdf](#)
[SustainabilityReport042711.pdf](#)
[MyMemoonCitySustainPlan.docx](#)
[Green roofs requirement in Madison Sustainability Plan.htm](#)
[Madison Sustainability Plan.txt](#)
[sustainability plan for Union Corners.txt](#)
[Madison Food Systems.htm](#)
[Madison Sustainability Plan Comments 5-10-11.doc](#)
[MadisonSoilVolume.pdf](#)
[SDE_SWAC Meeting_110512.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan recommendations APPROVED 5 12 2011 by BOHMDC.p](#)
[Paul Abramson comments.pdf](#)
[Comments emailed2.pdf](#)
[Comments emailed3.pdf](#)
[Peak Oil.pdf](#)
[Peak Oil 2.pdf](#)
[Si Widstrand Comments.pdf](#)
[Comments emailed.pdf](#)
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[Sustainability pesticide .pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan - DMI edits 6-8-11 .pdf.pdf](#)
[Lance Green Comments 5-10-11.pdf](#)
[Water Utility Comments on the Madison Sustainability Plan.pdf](#)

Integrate modes to allow seamless switching between modes--bikes on buses-downtown multimodal station-Park and Ride-Pedestrian and bicycle links to bus routes.

Add as Action Item under Goal #2

Change Introduction: Focus on completely transforming our transportation system into a sustainable-based model instead of merely promoting and supporting alternative choices. To achieve a sustainable transportation system, bicycles and transit should not be considered “alternative” in twenty years. Acknowledge declining fossil fuel supplies (peak oil) and the severity of climate change and how transportation contributes to it. (WGBA edit)

No action – already in plan in places.

Vision: Create a stronger vision than “promotion and provision of alternatives” by stating a vision that transforms our basic transportation systems into a predominately transit and zero-emission based system that drives higher density, pedestrian and transit-oriented development. (WGBA edit)

Add language to Introduction about higher density. Don’t change vision.

Consider adding mandatory bike helmet laws (Bicycle and Motorcycle) and enforcement. (BOHMDC)

No action

Add action: Elevate to a top tier priority clearing snow from curb cuts, sidewalks and bus stops. (PBMVC)

OK, but move to goal 2

Add action to goal 1—Revise and update the Pedestrian Plan. (LPTPC)

Yes make this change

Approval of permits for building and new developments should include the existence of a public transit plan and timeline. (PBMVC)

No action

Amend the percentage of trips to 20% for bus and 20% by bike by 2020. (Bus currently says 15%) (PBMVC)

Yes make this change.

Additional goal: Engage and educate public on sustainable transportation. (PBMVC)

Already in the plan under goal 5.

Change TDM requirement for events to 1,000 people. (PBMVC)
TDM plans good idea, but hard to implement. Maybe state something about increasing the types/numbers of developments covered as infrastructure needed for TDM improves. Other ideas about TDM plans for # of homes or trips, etc. (LRTPC)

Requirement already modified to development of a checklist by SDEC.

Plan for and map major pedestrian and bicycle facilities in new developments.

Make sure these are well integrated with existing and planned corridors in other parts of the city (esp. for bicycle network.) Planned and estimate time of completion for overcoming physical barriers. (Mostly big roads.) (PBMVC) (LRTPC)

Reword Action #8 in planning and design to include above concepts.

SRTS plans for any new schools. (PBMVC) (LRTPC)
Already in Goal 2 Education

Provide free bus passes for people in training. (PBMVC)

Yes – add into workforce section

When siting social services, they need to be well served by transit. (PBMVC)
Already in Goal 4 Affordable Housing

Goal 2: Include all existing neighborhoods and commercial centers.

Add commercial centers to Goal 2 wording.

Change transportation, land-use planning and zoning policies and requirements to make sustainable transportation mandatory for all newly developed areas. (WGBA edits)

No action already covered in Action 7

Goal #3, add the following: “.... to 90% of the total transportation budget by 2030.” (WGBA edit)

No action – not realistic.

Goals #5 and #6: Since these are not really goal statements move these to action items. (WGBA edit)

No change – committee thinks these items are important.

Add Action: Make roads pay for themselves by considering a transportation utility like the storm water utility to pay for roads.
(LRTPC)

Re word considering strategies that place a greater portion of road costs on users and properties that generate trips (i.e., transportation utility)

Replace Metro 2-bike racks with 3-bike racks. (Citizen)

Yes, maximum feasible. ADD

Add action: Assess non-motorized flow/traffic numbers, as well as motorized traffic on major pedestrian/bicycle arterials and collectors. (PBMVC) (LRTPC)

Reword. Measure non-motorize...add as action

Add action: Add Smart Trips-proactive, not just reactive. Current programs focus on employers-mostly large employers. This would focus also on residents and at the neighborhood level. (PBMVC) (LRTPC)

Smart Park and other actions are already in Goal 3. Add to parentheses on last action or in Smart Park. Ask Dave Trowbridge for clarification of Smart Trips comment.

Add action: Develop TDM templates and suggestions for residential, workplace and retail developments, as well as event planning. (PBMVC) (LRTPC)

This is already modified in Action 7 under Goal 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Kornblatt moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Drummond. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.