



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, May 20, 2019

4:30 PM

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bookland at 4:33 pm, following verification that a quorum was present and the meeting had been properly noticed.

Present: 6 - Avra Reddy; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Elizabeth A. Bookland and Dea Larsen Converse

Excused: 1 - Kenneth G. Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

none

NEW BUSINESS

1 [55956](#) 2019 COE Priorities

Members discussed topic prioritization for future COE Meetings. Top priority was determined to be moving the saltwise message forward. Mid-term priority includes making parks more "green" as well as recycling, and composting efforts. Long term priorities include stormwater management, population/zoning density downtown including transportation, sustainability plan.

- 2 [54745](#) Follow Up Discussion on Salt Issues

Members decided that looking at chloride use, water softeners, and the SaltWise message will be a main focus moving forward. Additional details will be hashed out in future meetings.

- 3 [54488](#) Update regarding poly- and perfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)

Attachments: [2019.05.24 WUB Update.pdf](#)
[2019.05.24 PFAS Detection Summary Update.pdf](#)
[COE.PFAS.20190520.pptx](#)

Joe Grande, water quality manager for the Madison Water Utility, gave an informational presentation on what PFAs are, their sources, and the measured levels over the years in Madison wells. There is currently no drinking water standard regulating PFAs, though the EPA has a health advisory level of 70 ppt. Some states have recently adopted PFOA and PFOS standards ranging from 14-70 ppt. Short term goals including continue test of drinking water wells, WDNR fish tissue sampling and analysis, soil and groundwater testing at the airport, and waiting for DNR/DHS interim guidance for a groundwater standard.

REPORTS

- 4 [42158](#) Report of Chair

none

- 5 [42159](#) Report from Board of Public Works

none

- 6 [42160](#) Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore reported the WU is moving forward with the water conservation house program.

- 7 [42161](#) Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Bookland reported that the City received an EPA grant for a composting pilot program for 50 houses on the far west side. The pilot program will strongly focus on educating users on acceptable materials. 2 month pilot program kicks off in July.

- 8 [42162](#) Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

none

9 [42163](#) Staff Report

Eberhardt reported that the Engineering department recently hired a Public Information Officer, Hannah Mohelnitzky. Stormwater management regulation changes to Chapter 37 of the MGO are forthcoming later this summer. Two member openings remain vacant.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Leeper, to Adjourn at 6:08pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.