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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, January 26, 2009

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

William C. Sonzogni; Lori O. Grant; Larry Palm; Michael W. Rewey;
Jonathan H. Standridge; Roger T. Bannerman and Reginald N. Weide

Excused: 1 -

Keith W. Pierce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [13374](#) Discussion on Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership efforts

Genesis gave an update on what the Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership (YLLP) has been doing over the past year, since the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between DNR, DATCP, Dane County, and City of Madison. The MOU directed the agencies to look at lake issues, specifically sediment, nutrients, and beach bacteria. YLLP formed from MOU signatories as well as other invested, non-profit organizations.

One of the goals of YLLP is to have a structure in place at the end of the MOU agreement (Dec 2009) that will succeed the current partnership and will include broader representation from area stakeholders.

COE members voiced their desire to help in any way with the YLLP effort. It was discussed that as the YLLP work plan starts to take shape, there will definitely be a need for assistance.

Genesis will continue to give monthly YLLP updates at subsequent COE meetings.

2. [13376](#) 2009 Topics - Prioritization

Members indicated their preference for upcoming topics and offered additional ideas. The top three topics were as follows: 1) Starkweather Creek watershed

plan update, 2) Zoning code changes with potential enviro impacts, 3) Dark Sky Ordinance compliance/enforcement.

New possible topics include educating the public on road salt, infiltration practices, and/or plastic bags; setting guidelines for what types of items the COE wants referred to them; a review of all city ordinances the COE may have an interest in and how they may be strenghtened/changed; and a briefing on the mission of the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee (and how the two commissions might work together more efficiently).

REPORTS

3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

The Water Utility is now offering a \$100 toilet rebate on high efficiency toilets. More info here: http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/view.cfm?news_id=1276.

Also, the Water Utility is holding public meetings regarding the citing of 2 possible new wells (Southeast and Arbor Hills areas).

5. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

6. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

A. The next scheduled Med Drop is Saturday, June 6, 2009 (location TBD)

B. An issue arose for the McAllen Business Park; the DNR did not concur with the developers' wetland delineation and so the DNR's determination is being appealed in court by the developer. The city is usually not involved in wetland issues as this is a state/federal regulation. Also, as the developer was operating under the assumption that the existing wetland was non-regulatory, the wetland boundary was not shown on any plans that were seen by City Engineering staff.

C. The Upper Sugar River Watershed Association is having an open house on Sunday, February 15. Visit <http://www.usrwa.org> for more info.

D. City staff and a couple of alders had a meeting to discuss how to move forward with a plastic bag ban and/or recycling of plastic bags. Staff will do some further feasibility research prior to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Rewey, to Adjourn . The motion passed by voice vote/other.