

Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY

Thursday, November 10, 2011

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue
Conference Room A and B
Madison WI 53713

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -

Denise Duranczyk; Susan J. Zahner; Judith M. Wilcox; Renae Sieling and Alan I. Schwartzstein

Excused: 3 -

Ald. Matthew J. Phair; Patricia A. Lasky and Lori Kay

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was Approve the Minutes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - 5 minutes per speaker

Kurt Runzheimer – Mr. Runzheimer lives in Alder Matt Phair’s district who visited his home beekeeping operation in Midvale Heights. He stressed the importance of hive direction. They only fly forward when they leave their hives. The flight barrier influences flight pattern. He finds several parts to be unnecessarily restrictive. He recommends raising the number of hives located on a lot, possibly up to three, four or five to assure success. Restricting the hive size could limit growth.

Michael Gourlie – Mr. Gourlie is a member of the Dane County Beekeeper’s Association but not representing that group. Since 2006, about 50% of bee colonies have been lost. The goal is to work with the beekeeper association and perhaps alter the ordinance to better meet their objectives. It is good to encourage the production of local honey production and the education of the public on beekeeping.

Sarah Shatz – Ms. Shatz is glad to see the ordinance and agreed with Mr. Runzheimer’s comments. She and other beekeepers are willing to help hash out the details of the ordinance.

Noel Hooper Lofton – Mr. Lofton lives close to a school and has experienced the influence of neighbors harassing people because there is not an understanding of urban agriculture. His suggestion is to broaden the guidelines.

4. OVERVIEW OF TOBACCO FREE COLUMBIA DANE COUNTY COALITION (TFCDC) - Ryan Sheahan - 20 minutes

Ryan Sheahan, Coordinator, presented an overview which included the organization, funding, and focus of the program. He also provided information on the Wisconsin Wins program, 2012 objectives, future prevention and control activities, which include other tobacco products (OTP) and Smoke Free Living.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT - Susan Zahner - 5 minutes

The Chair received a note from Travis Myren, County Director of Administration, about the status of the recruitment of the Director. After the top five candidates were ranked, the top three candidates were sent to the Mayor and County Executive. One of those three dropped out of contention, so the executives are deciding how to proceed. Zahner suggests reconstituting the bylaws committee to finish a few items outstanding, perhaps at the beginning of next year. Wilcox volunteered to serve and Zahner will check with absent board members about serving. In reviewing the IGA, the board is to annually evaluate programs and report to the Mayor and County Executive. In conjunction with staff, the first program would be an evaluation of the Women, Infant and Children's (WIC) program. The Board would like to have a committee address the issue over a finite period of time. The committee will be Zahner, Wilcox, Duranczyk and possibly a fourth, Lasky.

6. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Janel Heinrich - 5 minutes

Heinrich provided an update on the Neighborhood Resource Team Coordinator position. The placement of the position in the Mayor's Office was rejected, so the position stays in Public Health. As part of that discussion, there were numerous kudos to public health. Heinrich acknowledged the work of staff on the innovative TB sputum collection video. This is posted on the CDC website and the board suggested posting it on You Tube. It demonstrates how to get the best sample and reduce transmission. Jessica LeClair and Kim Neuschel, two of our staff who presented to the Board on the Meadowood project, were nominated and chosen to be honored as Badger Bioneers. They are presenting this week at the ceremony, talking about public health building healthier communities. The board complimented staff on the community health newsletters.

7. COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION REPORT - Janel Heinrich - 5 minutes

7.a. [24439](#) Community Health Newsletter for September 2011

Attachments: [Sep-Oct2011 TB newsletter.pdf](#)

7.b. [24440](#) Community Health Newsletter for October 2011

Attachments: [Intake Newsletter Sep-October 2011.pdf](#)

8. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT - David Caes - 5 minutes

Caes reports that the budget process has gone well so far this year, thanks in part to Heinrich presenting. We currently have no amendments. Final approval should be next week. Moving staff was an added expense this year. Thanks to staff for their work on the budget and thanks to the board for moral support during budget meetings.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REPORT - Doug Voegeli - 5 minutes

As a follow up to the presentation on TF CDC, Voegeli reports that the majority of smoking complaints is not about restaurants but in housing. Since nothing can be done, regulation is being pursued. A big issue for the division now is Occupy Madison. We are working with the Mayor's Office to ensure they will get a permit and continue to occupy their area, on East Washington Avenue. The Clean Air Coalition, which is comprised of different groups funded by the city, county and department of administration, may change its focus or perhaps even ended as they have lost their funding from department of administration. There is another dangerous animal declaration pending and thanks to those serving on the upcoming appeal hearing. The Clean Sweep Program will be offering some winter hours this year. There will be some limits on what is accepted and the hours they are open. If the new facility is built by the new season, the idea is to be open year round. Staff was recently involved in a Biological Detection System exercise with the Postal Service, Police, Fire and others, which went well. Next year, we will participate in a full scale exercise, including clinics and victims.

NEW BUSINESS - ACTION Items - 15 minutes

10. [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](#)

Request that staff work with beekeepers to accommodate their concerns. The Board of Health for Madison and Dane County would like the ordinance to be referred back to them, when changes are made, for approval of final language.

Matt Tucker, staff from City Planning and Economic Development, spoke of the wish to develop this ordinance to allow citizens to keep honeybees. The framework was to establish basic regulations, using best practices history, relating to volume, distance to property lines and public sidewalks, and accessory use. The model used is similar to the one for domestic laying hens. For beekeeping, a license must be purchased. The intent of the regulation to set back hives is to obtain a framework that is fair, avoids veto rights and pressure on neighbors, promote bees pollinating in an urban environment. Tucker talked with a Vilas Zoo expert who has kept bees for 20 years and Phil Pelliteri, a UW entomologist. There is little evidence of stinging as a health problem. A water source on site is needed. Patrick Comfort, Animal Services, confirmed that honeybees are usually non-aggressive.

Alder Satya Rhodes-Conway, a sponsor of the ordinance is delighted that staff brought this to her. This is designed to make it clear that beekeeping is legal to assure that no one makes it illegal. There is a global crisis about disease devastation affecting the population of honeybees, with serious economic issues if there are not enough pollinators. If more people are keeping bees in more places, this helps our local food system production and sales. We also need to be mindful of the health, safety and neighbors. The text is not final and can be amended. She feels it is important to retain a source of water, have an appropriate set back from public right of way and is open to discussion about the length of the property line, number and cubic volume of hives.

11. [24441](#) Board Resolution #2011-17 In Recognition of Hien Duong

Attachments: [Board Resolution #2011 17 In Recognition of Hien Duong On Her Retirement](#)

This Board of Health Resolution was Grant Final Approval by the Board of Health

12. [24442](#) Board Resolution #2011-18 In Recognition of Nancy Wanek

Attachments: [Board Resolution #2011 18 In Recognition Of Nancy Wanek.pdf](#)

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13. [24443](#) Board Resolution #2011-16 on Nurse-Family Partnership

Attachments: [Board Resolution #2011 16 Nurse-Family Partnership.pdf](#)

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14. [24451](#) Board Resolution #2011-19 on Smoke Free Options in Public Housing

Attachments: [Board Resolution #2011 19 Smoke Free Options in Public Housing.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Duranczyk, seconded by Schwartzstein, to Grant Final Approval by the Board of Health. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

This issue needs to be addressed with Community Development Authority due to the fact that people with mental health issues can be severely addicted to cigarettes. Heinrich explained that we had conversations with CDA and we will promote and encourage smoke free options.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES - 5 minutes

15. Executive - Susan Zahner

- 15.a. [24444](#) Board of Health Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2011

Attachments: [Board of Health Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 10 26 11.pdf](#)

16. Budget - Judy Wilcox

17. Bylaws - Lori Kay

18. Administrative Hearing - Lori Kay

Wilcox, Phair and Zahner have volunteered and Schwartzstein agreed to serve if needed.

19. Personnel - Pat Lasky

ADJOURNMENT

This was Adjourn