



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Monday, June 15, 2015

4:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order following verification that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Katherine Mitchell was introduced as a future member of the COE. Her appointment is pending Common Council approval on June 17, 2015.

Katie Crawley, of the Mayor's Office, was also in attendance.

**Present:** 7 - Zach Wood; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders and Patricia J. Gadow

**Excused:** 2 - Timothy D. Baker and James P. Bennett

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the May minutes made by Fix, seconded by Lasky. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

1. [36064](#) REPORT OF CHAIR

Katt-Reinders asked COE members for a sense of timing for topics to address.

Committee members discussed scheduling Salt reduction in water (water softeners) in August. MMSD will also be finalizing their strategy for salt, so ask if a representative can come in when the plan is ready. For September, asking staff for an update on the Lake Wingra Watershed Plan (Engineering staff and inviting representative from Friends of Lake Wingra).

2. [38901](#) Madison Water Utility: Water conservation and High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program.

**Ald. Wood, Delmore and Katt-Reinders met with Water Utility staff members Amy Barrilleaux, Joe Demorett and Robin Piper.**

**The discussion began with how the COE can help promote/support the High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program and expanded onto water conservation in general and promoting conservation efforts.**

**The Water Utility will be expanding the High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program in July. The COE discussed coordinating with the Water Utility's efforts.**

**COE members asked to have Amy Barrilleaux attend the July meeting to discuss the Water Utility's messaging; Assist with providing written content that COE members can distribute to their contacts through social media, neighborhood newspaper publications.**

**Tyler Leeper said he'd like to see the COE as a whole come up with one statement about why to participate in the program and why conservation is important to Madison residents. The message can then be modified to fit neighborhood newspaper publications as appropriate. The COE as a whole agreed this was a sensible way to proceed with messaging and outreach efforts.**

**In advance of the July meeting, Katt-Reinders will work on an article about water conservation; Fix and Gadow will assist with feedback. Water Utility will provide comments/help tailor the message.**

**Katie Crawley, of the Mayor's Office, referenced the Georgetown University Energy Prize and outreach efforts that the Sustainable Madison Committee is considering. COE asked for a staff update on the Georgetown University Energy Competition in July.**

3. [38902](#) COE outreach communication plan

**Ald. Wood and Leeper will work on drafting a pitch to get groups (professional contacts) to take a conservation pledge.**

**Committee members brainstormed what groups to contact.**

4. [38904](#) Appoint COE member as representative to Solid Waste Advisory Committee

**The current COE representative to Solid Waste Committee was not present. The committee referred the appointment to the July COE meeting.**

5. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Fix reported that a contract for Tenney Lagoon Shoreline Restoration and Tenney Park (E. Johnson St.) Bike Path had been let. Also, construction work is underway on the Anchor Bank on Capitol Square (25 W. Main St.).**

6. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:
- Delmore reported that work is being done on Lake View Water Reservoir. Well No. 7 on Sherman Ave. is nearing completion. A contract for Paterson St. Maintenance Facility is out for bid.
- Fix commented that the work done on the reservoir near Hoyt Park had turned out nicely.
7. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
- Committee did not meet.
8. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:
- Committee did not meet.
9. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT
- Dailey reported that the Pollinator Protection Taskforce (PPT) is completing its draft report. The report will be referred to the COE with the likely time frame of August or September.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Fix, seconded by Ald. Wood.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.