



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, November 21, 2016

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 Katt-Reinders at 4:31 pm, following verification that a quorum was present and the meeting had been properly noticed.

Present: 8 - Zach Wood; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Timothy D. Baker; Katherine R. Mitchell; Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders and Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 1 - Sara Z. Walling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Lasky, seconded by Mitchell, to Approve the Minutes from October 17, 2016. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

none

PUBLIC COMMENT

See item number 44602 for public comments.

[42158](#)

Report of Chair

none

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1 [44602](#) Amending Sections 27.05(2)(f), and creating 27.05(2)(f)7 of the Madison General Ordinances to remove the Land Management Plan requirement for certain types of natural lawn and landscaping areas.
- Janette Rosenbaum
6817 Winstone Drive
Madison WI 53711
- Ms. Rosenbaum spoke in regards to eliminating barriers to the natural lawn permit and education on natural landscaping.
- Alder Zellers spoke on the history and formation of the proposed ordinance. George Hank of Building Inspection spoke on the enforcement and permitting practices of natural lawn and landscaping.
- Committee evaluated proposed changes, noting the intention of the ordinance is to allow residents to have partial natural lawn areas without going through the permitting process. Committee will re-evaluate the permitting process for natural lawns at a future meeting.
- Motion made by Baker, seconded by Delmore to move for approval. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 2 [43746](#) Discussion Item: Vehicle Idling and Air Quality
- Attachments: [idling spreadsheet 11by17.pdf](#)
 [2007 Reso.pdf](#)
 [Existing MGO.doc](#)
- Alder Wood provided update on the formation of the ordinance with the Attorney's office and the need to add exception categories. Will be meeting with Madison Metropolitan School District to discuss school bus idling.
- 3 [44492](#) Leaf Management Outreach
- Attachments: [LeafInsert2015v3.pdf](#)
 [Leaf Free StreetsTemplate 16.docx](#)
- Capital Times ran an article on leaf management. Leeper shared Committee's op-ed piece with his email network and received a large response.
- 4 [45168](#) Salt Outreach
- Katt-Reinders will reach out to Madison Metropolitan Sewer District and Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission regarding salt reduction publications. Leeper to compile a salt reduction message to share with Alder list serves and neighborhood associations.

5 [44070](#) 2017 Budget Discussion

2017 budget was approved. Money is still available for City facilities to update water softeners.

REPORTS

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

none

[42160](#) Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore reported that the Water Utility is giving away 1,500 low flow showerheads available at the Olin St. offices.

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

Alder Wood reported Committee is reworking their long term plan, changing the focus to maximize recycling.

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

none

[42163](#) Staff Report

Dailey reminded members to file statement of interest forms prior to January 3, 2017 deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gadow seconded by Wood to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.