



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, November 19, 2018

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 Delmore at 4:32 pm, following verification that a quorum was present and the meeting had been properly noticed.

Members welcomed Ken Johnson, a former civil engineer for the DNR, who is now serving as the committee representative for the Board of Public Works.

Present: 7 - Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Elizabeth A. Bookland; Dea Larsen Converse; Patricia J. Gadow and Kenneth G. Johnson

Absent: 1 - Zach Wood

Excused: 1 - Timothy D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

none

NEW BUSINESS

53183

Report from Dea Larsen Converse regarding opportunities for COE to reduce chloride levels in water softeners.

Attachments: [Report from Dea Larsen Converse regarding opportunities for COE to reduce](#)

Larsen Converse presented a summary of the sources of chlorides to surface and groundwater and the costs to remove. Discussion by members ensued on potential efforts that could be taken to reduce chlorides including: water softener upgrades, installation requirements and rebates as well as options for removing salts from wastewater at the treatment plant. A request was made for a presentation by MMSD regarding their water softener pilot project at a future meeting.

53844

Opportunities to Reducing Recycling Contamination Through Education

Attachments: [new recycling sticker.pdf](#)

Members reviewed the new recycling cart stickers and cast lid molds. Information is to help cut down on non-recyclable materials contamination. Requests were made by members to procure additional stickers to help spread the message.

53845

West High School Green Club

West High School Green Club members presented on their mission to make West HS carbon neutral by 2030. The energy committee is focused on Project Solis, to get solar panels installed on the roof of the school. Grants and fundraising have already raised \$100k. The recycling committee promotes e-waste drives and streamlining recycling efforts in the school. The crafts committee designed signage to the streamlined recycling program as well as repurposing garbage into crafts to raise additional funds for Project Solis. Additional information is available on their website:
<https://www.westgreenclub.org/>

53846

Odana Hills Water Recovery System Presentation

Presenter was unable to attend. Presentation deferred to future meeting.

REPORTS

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Report of Chair

Delmore reported December meeting will be held, as enough members confirmed their attendance as to meet quorum. Future meeting topics include further discussion on LEDs, salt reduction discussion with Madison Sewage District, presentation on lake level management, alternative vegetation management strategies beyond pesticides, Badger Rock middle school environmental club, and a report in February from the flooding technical group.

- 4 [42160](#) Report from Water Utility Board
- Delmore reported the WU is looking at a 30% rate increase and are developing their financial management plan.
- 5 [42159](#) Report from Board of Public Works
- Johnson reported BPW approved the formation of a group to review flooding with experts from UW, DNR, Dane County and the City. The phosphorus reduction infiltration project near Yellowstone Rd pond was also mentioned.
- 6 [42161](#) Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Bookland reported that sandbag collection is ongoing until November 25th. Bags can also be dropped off at collection sites. Streets department is encouraging folks to keep sand on their properties if they have not been exposed to sewage. They are investigating improved ways to collect sandbags in the future.
- Salt usage for the department has decreased from 327 lbs/lane/event for 2006-2013 to almost half at 108 lbs/lane/event now. Trucks will be using GPS on all salt trucks to streamline application and avoid overapplying. All city operators have received certification in salt application.
- 7 [42162](#) Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
- Lasky reported that the pest management committee is currently surveying all department heads on current pesticide uses.
- 8 [42163](#) Staff Report
- Eberhardt introduced the new sustainability coordinator for the City of Madison, Stacie Reece. An update on membership was provide, with one new vacancy. Members were reminded to file their 2019 statement of interests forms by January 2, 2019.
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larsen Converse, seconded by Leeper, to Adjourn at 5:59pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.