



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

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Monday, October 28, 2019

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 207 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m., following verification the meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum was present.

**Present:** 7 - Syed Abbas; Tag Evers; Jessica M. LeClair; Cassandra K. Steiner; Denise DeMarb; Jeannette E. LeZaks and Matthew W. Braunginn

**Excused:** 6 - Jonathan D. Hepner; Lance E. Green; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Kyla H.S. Beard and Samuel J. Dunaiski

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Green, to Approve the Minutes from Monday, August 26, 2019 and Wednesday, September 25, 2019. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Claire Oleksiak, new Executive Director of Sustain Dane introduced herself to the Committee and expressed her appreciation for the Committee's efforts and that she and Sustain Dane were looking forward to collaborating and supporting the Committee's work on an on-going basis.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of new SMC members

Committee members introduced themselves to two new members, Cassie Steiner and Matthew Braunginn. Steiner and Braunginn gave brief descriptions of their backgrounds and interests. SMC welcomed them to the meeting and looks forward to their contributions.

2. Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway expressed her gratitude for the past good works of the Committee. She was a previous aldermanic member of the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee, the former name of the SMC. She spoke on her four priorities; 1) the need to address climate change impacts, 2) create more affordable housing, 3) enhance racial justice social equity and 4) improve transportation through bus rapid transit. She feels SMC can help support many of the intersections between the four priorities. Along with taking up efforts to support initiatives in these areas, Mayor Satya also stressed the importance of the SMC helping to implement and track the efforts being made on the City Energy Plan goals and that it should look to review and update the Sustainability Plan at some point in the next year.

Mayor also spoke to discussions she is having about merging other committees, potentially Committee on the Environment and Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

3. Introduction of Community Guidelines

Co-Chair LeClair reviewed some group agreements with the Committee to enhance collegiality and effectiveness.

4. Statement on F-35s at Truax

Committee reviewed draft of response letter to Environmental Impact Statement of the Air Force around basing F35 fighter planes at Madison's Truax Field. Alder Evers, who drafted the initial letter, led discussion with the Committee. Member Green requested the addition of a paragraph of PFAS on water supplies and DeMarb requested the addition of impacts on the boarder eco-system. Committee felt that it should oppose basing of F35s if EIS is not more robustly completed and SMC issues addressed.

Moved to adopted the letter with additions was made by Evers, seconded by Green. Voice vote approval. Committee requested staff make changes and submit letter to appropriate Air Force websites and personnel.

**REFERRED TO SMC**

5. [56836](#) SUBSTITUTE Creating Section 23.62 and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to regulate the distribution of plastic straws and plastic stir sticks in the City of Madison and establish a bail deposit for violation thereof.

**Attachments:** [3rd Substitute](#)  
[2nd Substitute](#)  
[Substitute](#)  
[Body](#)  
[10/21/19 Chair Co-Chair DRC Letter.pdf](#)  
[EDC Presentation 8.21.19](#)  
[Quam Public Comment at EDC 8-21-19](#)

A motion was made by Evers, seconded by DeMarb, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

Alder Abbas outlined elements of the ordinance for Committee. Main points are that straws would only be given upon request at restaurants. Take-out orders are exempt from restriction. Green asked why take-out orders were excluded. Abbas stated that take-out orders may have customer in need of a straw and Disability Rights Commission has already opposed a complete ban of plastic straws due to potential usage needs of people with disabilities. Abbas says ordinance is a first step and that modifications to will occur later as we learn more about impacts of this on community.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. [54139](#) Update: RESJI / Equity Lens for 100% Renewable Energy Plan

**Attachments:** [2/25/19 EQT 100 Percent Renew Plan Initial Draft SMC Outline.pdf](#)  
[03/2019 EQT 100 Percent Renew Report RESJI Assess.pdf](#)  
[SMC Stakeholder Progress report 8262019.pdf](#)  
[SMC Report Out - 10.28.2019.pdf](#)

This Discussion Item was Refer to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE meeting of November 25, 2019.

7. NEXT MEETING

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m., quorum was lost due to members having to attend other meetings. A motion was made by Ald. Evers, seconded by Green, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.