



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Staffing of the Committee will be accomplished with existing resources. No appropriation required.

Title

AMENDED RESOLUTION- Creating an Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee.

Body

WHEREAS, during consideration of the 2014 Capital Budget, the Common Council added \$300,000 to fund one or more public restrooms in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the 2014 Operating Budget, the Common Council added funding to support the installation and operations of two temporary portable toilets, which have since been placed and operational; and,

WHEREAS, Downtown Madison has numerous residents and visitors that require the use of a public bathroom at many times when an existing toilet is not available; and,

WHEREAS, city staff wrote a Downtown Public Restrooms Staff Report on the construction and maintenance cost and placement strategies for public restrooms which was introduced at the February 25, 2014 Common Council meeting; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council creates an Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee (the "Committee") to recommend to the Council and Mayor proposed locations, design and operational aspects of one or more public toilet in the downtown area including the Greater State Street area, the Capitol Square, and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and environs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Committee shall be comprised of the following members appointed and confirmed by the Common Council:

- One Downtown Ald. Mike Verveer (also on Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC));
- One Downtown Madison Inc (DMI) Representative, Susan Schmitz or designee;
- One Dane County Homeless Issues Committee Ald. Larry Palm;
- One Business Improvement District (BID) Board member, President Gregory Frank or designee (also on DCC and Visitor Bureau);
- One Capitol Neighborhoods (CNI) representative, Davy Mayer or designee (also on DCC);
- One Downtown Homeless Services Provider - Pastor Carly Kuntz, First United Methodist Church;
- One major downtown property owner; Mark Binkowski, Urban Land Interest;
- One resident who has previously experienced homelessness who has been appointed to the current Dane County Homeless Issues Committee, Ronnie Barbett; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall be staffed by the Parks Division and shall rely on the expertise and resources of other City agencies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Common Council shall make the appointments to fill vacancies on the Committee following the Committee membership requirements outlined in this resolution;

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, members must submit to the City Clerk's Office a Statement of Interest form prior to serving on the Committee, if a form has not been received after 30 days of appointment then the position is considered vacant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than July 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee should hold at least one community meeting to collect feedback from multiple stakeholders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee should coordinate with existing committees such as Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC), Board of Public Works (BPW), Parks Commission, Dane County Homeless Issues Committee and organizations such as Downtown Madison Inc (DMI), the Business Improvement District (BID), the Greater Madison Convention and Visitor Bureau (GMCVB), the Greater State Street Business Association (GSSBA), the Capitol Neighborhoods Inc (CNI), the Homeless Services Consortium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee will make recommendations concerning 2015 Operational Budgets and future Capital Budget projects prior to September 1, 2014; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee will make recommendations to the Common Council for construction of a public restroom facility no later than September 30, 2014; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Committee will be dissolved after completion of the budget and construction recommendations unless extended by a vote of the Common Council.