



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Tree Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

3:45 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Present 10 - MARLA EDDY, ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS,
LAURA WYATT, JAEDAN FESTGE, BRIAN WAHL, ALEX MODERHOCK,
MCKINZIE MYSZKA, and MATT NOONE

Excused 1 - ADAM ALVES

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B. Consideration of Minutes

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A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by MYSZKA, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 10-0.

C. Discussion Items

1. *New Workgroups Staffing and projects work group typically once a month meeting attach annual work plan and send to full board.*

2.

a. *Tree Board Annual Events Work Group to consist of up to 3 members to address Tree Board events including but not limited to the annual Arbor Day event and public recognition awards. Members are: Helminiak (lead member) and Myszka*

b. *Tree Board Outreach work group to consist of up to 4 members to address educational outreach to the public including but not limited to the creation and maintenance of the Tree Board website, a social media presence, PSAs, and presentations to the public regarding tree issues. Members are: Wyatt (work group chair), Moderhock, Myszka, Weiss (also Johnson). Johnson will request access from Dane County IT to the CSM platform and send members the training video provided by the county if it is allowed.*

c. *Tree Board Policy Work Group to consist of up to 4 members to address policy work focused on forestry and other tree issues. Members are: Ritt (work group chair), Moderhock, Eddy, Noone. Also Johnson and Wahl (staff and Advisor, so they don't count in the 4-member total).*

d. *Work groups will consult annual workplan as a guide for projects. Monthly, the workgroups will report back to full board at next meeting of their activities. Incorporate quorum into workgroup minutes so that this does not become an issue. Leads will work with Johnson/staff to set the first meeting date, then at first meeting decide on roles and timeline. Leads appointed by each work group will generate the agenda and get to staff one week before. Johnson/staff will post the agendas. Recording of online meetings will be done by Johnson/staff, and posting of the recordings. Each work group will assign one volunteer to take minutes, must be submitted in 5 business days of the meeting to staff to post to Legistar.*

3. *Update on PSA spending resolution status need to change topics*

A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by MODERHOCK, that the to allow Johnson and Eddy to work on providing a seasonally appropriate script to Audacy. Payment to Audacy was previously approved. The motion carried unanimously 10-0.

D. Presentations

Matt Noone and Mel Askay, of the Dane County Tree Canopy Working Group (DCTCWG). Noone presented on his mapping work and how it can be used to make decisions. Askay also explained the developing mission of the working group. NOONE noted the maps focus on five factors: 1. 2017 cover, 2. canopy decrease from 2010-2017, 3. percent impervious surface, 4. summer land surface temperatures and 5. 2012-2018 Social Vulnerability Index. The Index contains 15 social factors: socioeconomic status, household composition, disability, minority status, house type, transportation, etc. these are being examined to decide what areas are priorities. EDDY asked how the canopy cover group might interact with the Board, what collaboration and support, overlap with tree board goals, etc. This is not yet determined as the DCTCWG is still in the formative stages and developing its mission and goals. EDDY mentioned that the City of Madison also has a tree equity tool/process; might be good to see how they intersect. DCTCWG work will likely include a survey component to Dane County communities, convening stakeholders for discussion. WYATT noted that since 2017 was the last data collection from a LiDAR last flyover, ash borer effects have increased. Noone stated LiDAR flights follow a leap year schedule for repeat scans; Dane is scheduled for 2024 unless severe need to get a new flyover prioritized. NOONE will contact Dr. Phil Townsend at UW re more recent LiDAR data if it exists. NOONE suggests looking at land use for more trends to map out priority canopy cover areas. WEISS suggested Cambridge map data could be used for the canopy cover partnership project that is being formed. Link to maps in presentation:

Map link <https://carpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b8dc0824c3514ec3976334957b7789b3> .

Link to presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AVasCfMzII7ShVixIvLNOW4ynM1bwOJU/edit#slide=id.p1>

1. Alves presentation on equity and tree canopy. Rescheduled for April as he was unable to attend.

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E. Reports to Committee

1. *Website training report (Johnson) Johnson took the training, will need to review video before work can begin, will check if training can be forwarded to members of outreach work group. Verified that other work group members who are not staff can assist with website maintenance.*
2. *'Dane County Tree Canopy Working Group' report: NOONE reported that DCTCWG talked about rural forest inventory age of forests, focus on preserving old growth forest in Dane County, funding, collaborating or letter of support from Tree Board for DCTCWG work. WEISS covered the mechanics of the planting project April 9 in Cambridge on public and private property with DCTCWG. Tree project will donate the trees to elderly residents in condos that lost trees and can't replace or replant on their own. Partly done to mitigate heat impacts on the elderly. WYATT suggests DCTCWG meet with MCF to advocate for a fund for tree planting to mitigate climate change effects.*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. *Upcoming meeting dates: April 19 2022, May 17 2022, Jun 21 2022, July 19 2022, August 16 2022, Sept 20 2022, October 25 2022, November 22 2022, no December meeting*

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by MODERHOCK, seconded by WEISS, that the MEETING be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 10-0.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval