



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, May 16, 2023

3:45 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room
Driftless: attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Present 6 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, ALEX MODERHOCK, MATT NOONE,
CORY RICH, and CRAIG KLINKE
Excused 1 - LAURA WYATT

Also present: Lisa Johnson, Adam Alves

B. Consideration of Minutes

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A motion was made by NOONE, seconded by WEISS, that the Minutes be approved the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

C. Discussion items:

1. *Tree Board future options: Discussion of differences and overlaps between Tree Canopy Collaborative and DCTB missions. Alves suggested the Tree Board could advocate for a unified approach to urban forest management between Dane County department-- communication and cooperation across departments. Heritage Oaks program important for the relevance of DCTB. Tree Board could be more focused on policy recommendations, whereas TCC does not do that. Alves offered to run a session for DCTB members on building for the future; what are DCTB goals and objectives vs TCC goals and objectives. Both are interested in canopy increase and accessibility. Choosing 2-3 goals with tangible objectives for over next 6 months that are not covered by TCC. Have joint meetings with TCC 2-3x times a year with an intentional agenda to collaborate and move toward the goal of protecting trees. Alves offers to write some goals and objectives with a facilitated meeting. Should Workgroups continue, pause, get rid of? Maybe a workgroup for each goal; currently work definitions are under resolution of the County Board, so there are limitations. May need a reshuffle as many new members are coming on board. Agreed to pause work groups till goals are set.*

2. *WORT Access Hour 8-14-23 Alves will accompany Johnson, maybe do interviews, call-ins, interview Noone re Heritage Oaks, Mel Askay re TCC.*

3. *June 20 meeting at the Arboretum with TCC Decided to choose a different day for DCTB as this will be an informal meeting and DCTB needs to provide public notice, etc. Will have the goal setting sometime in June; sending Doodle poll. Some members will also attend June 20 10 am meeting with TCC at Arboretum*

D. Action Items

1. *Submitting a letter of support for the Urban Tree Alliance grant NOONE reported on a previous grant they did with UTA. Bock Foundation on old growth forests. Noone suggested a letter from the DCTB supporting the project.*

A motion was made by NOONE, seconded by WEISS, that the that the DCTB authorizes DCTB Chair and Noone to write and submit letter of support for Urban Tree Alliance applying for the Bock Foundation grant be approved. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

E. Presentations

F. Reports to Committee

1. *Board vacancies County Board agenda for Thursday May 18 is set to appoint Rich and Klinke to the DCTB. Motion by Weiss for the DCTB to recommend Terra Hawley for appointment to the DCTB to County Exec's office, Noone seconds. Motion passes. Weiss motions to have Alves on behalf of the DCTB approach Ian Brown (new City of Madison Forester) about potential interest in applying to join the DCTB, Noone seconds. Motion passes*
2. *Tree Canopy Collaborative: Working on a grant for 2 LTE staff and 2 FTE 5 years to support TCC and TB through IRA grant and improve communication within county on tree-related issues. Adding additional tree crew and OFS staff along with County and City of Madison, for management of existing trees and teaching young people job skills. June 1st 2023 submitting the grant. TCC collaborating on the grant.*
3. *Heritage tree updates: DCTB allocated money to State Cartography Office to complete the HO inventory, that work is proceeding.*
4. *Events work group (currently paused)*
5. *Outreach work did not meet*
6. *Policy work group did not meet*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 20 10 am at the Arboretum with TCC, another TBD date pending, other months 3:45-4:45 pm July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****J. Adjourn**

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by NOONE, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval