



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, August 15, 2023

3:45 PM

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Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room

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A. Call To Order

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

Also Present: BRIAN WAHL, ADAM ALVES, LISA JOHNSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Attachments: [2023 MIN-209](#)

A motion was made by NOONE, seconded by WYATT, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

C. Discussion Items

D. Action Items*I. Brainstorm potential goals for Tree Board*

Increase canopy, Promote social justice, Support tree preservation, increase tree education, support community/county foresters, support and create policy around the above areas

*II. Prioritize goals**Draft Goals:*

Through a social justice lens:

- 1. Goal: Increase/promote equitable tree canopy*
 - a. Objective: Develop tree planting/preservation policies for Dane County properties*
- 2. Goal: Support tree preservation*
- 3. Goal: Support forestry careers and opportunities*
 - a. Objective: Collaborate with community organizations to support forestry careers*
 - b. Objective: Support county relationships with vocational training programs*
- 4. Goal: Advocate and support Dane County Forestry*
 - a. Objective: Advocate for funding levels that meet Tree City USA requirements of \$2/person in the county*
- 5. Goal: Increase education/knowledge about trees*
 - a. Objective: Keep website up to date*
 - b. Objective: Coordinate with communities and TCC on educational materials for children and adults*
 - c. Set objectives and timeline for prioritized goals*
 - d. Align goals with mission/vision of DCTB*

Draft Mission Statement- Advocating for equitable healthy community forests in Dane County

Draft Vision Statement – Healthy community forests for all
 - e. TCC potential outreach project funding: discussion of funding the printing of TCC's educational materials (two-sided-page with illustrations on tree planting and door hanger invitations for planting events). The Board needs a current statement of budget status in order to make a decision. This item will appear in September's action items.*

E. Presentations

F. Reports to Committee

1. *Board vacancies: Johnson will send an inquiry to see if Jaedan F. is interested as he is no longer working for the County, and assist him with locating the application form if he is. Terra Hawley's application is still in process, but she is moving out of county and this may impact her eligibility. Johnson will update the County on this development.*

2. *Tree Canopy Collaborative: site visits were done to find a site that fit the parameters of areas of low amounts of tree canopy and high social vulnerability. The TCC is planning a fall planting event with AKA sorority in a primarily Black neighborhood. The TCC is creating educational materials on tree planting.*

3. *Heritage Tree update: The State Cartography Office sent an invoice for the inventory work they did for the project. It is in the process of being paid. About 20 trees remain to be re-located and measured.*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

3:45-4:45 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 board approval.