

## **Dane County**

# Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

## **Environmental Council**

Thursday, July 14, 2016

5:30 PM

Room 354 City County Bld, 210 ML King Jr Blvd

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#### A. Call To Order

Present 4 - Supervisor PATRICK DOWNING, SHELLY ALLNESS, Chair STEVEN FALTER, and JEFFREY SOELLNER

Falter called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Counci member Sridharan and staff Habecker were also present. At 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Nikole Jones arrived and attended the rest of the meeting.

#### **B.** Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of May 12, 2016 was approved unanimously.

approved

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Attachments: Minutes May 12 2016

#### C. Action Items

Private Fundraising

Council suggested that a plan be developed to move forward on private fundraising as 2017 is the last year for the MG&E Foundation funding. Habecker will sent to the Council members the following: a link to the In Business magazine article that lists the 100 largest companies in Dane County, a copy of the last fundraising letter, and a list of past funders. Council members should send Habecker additional potential funding sources. Habecker will send the compiled listing back to Council prior to the August 9th meeting. It was noted that in the past Council has looked at sustained (more than one year) funding sources. Also using website to be an ask site for donations. Want to use grant money brings an average of \$3.79 dollars in from in kind services for every dollar given out.

#### D. Presentations

Announcements

Habecker announced that she will be working on Chronic Wasting Disease for deer management to assist the WDNR this month. This will be to design and facilitate a 3 day meeting to update the management plan for the next ten years.

Update of Pollinator Protection Work Plan

The Pollinator Protection Work Group meets monthly following the Environmental Council meetings including this evening. The group wrote and submitted a grant to the Dane County Farm Technology Days grant program in mid May. Habecker was just told this week that the Environmental Council has received an award of \$5000.00 to carry forward this work. This is a partial award as the grant requested \$17,500.00 Since the County budget process is underway and the budget request did not get considered last year, the Work group was asked by Environmental Council to submit to the County a request to fund the balance of the budget for this work to move the Pollinator Protection work forward. This would be a request for \$12, 500. It was suggested that both the County Executive's Office and the Environment, Agiculture & Natural Resource Committee be approached to see if they would champion this effort for the budget process. The Pollinator Protection Work Group will work on refining the document for the county budget process.

Summer Field Review of Grants

Falter reviewed the 2016 grant recipients and asked what sites members would be interested in viewing for the September 9th grant field review. The following projects were recommended: Madison Children's Museum, UW Arboretum, Friends of Lake Wingra, and the Marquette Neighborhood Association. Since all the sites are in the Madison area, the suggested start time for the field review is 2:00 p.m. Falter will work to coordinate this field review and get back to the group next month with details.

## E. Reports to Committee - none

#### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Fen Oak Resource Center. Supervisor Nikole Jones will be joining us and Supervisor David Ripp will no longer be on the Council. We will need to find a meeting time, regular date, and location that will meet all our Council members' convienence for future meetings.

### G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - none

#### H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

The Council asked Habecker to check on Legistar details for citizen members regarding absent and excused.

## I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

#### adjourned

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