



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environmental Council

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

5:00 PM

Room 321, City County Building, 210 MLK Jr Blvd

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A. Call To Order

Present 4 - SHELLY ALLNESS, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, JEFFREY SOELLNER, and Vice
Chair ALIXANDRA JACOBSON

Excused 2 - PATRICK DOWNING, and NIKOLE JONES

Chair Falter called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Chair, Steve Falter and Staff, Melinda Habecker were also present. County Board Supervisors Downing and Jones were excused.

B. Consideration of Minutes

approved

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C. Action Items

Revision of 2017 Community Partner Grant

Soellner moved and Sridharan seconded a motion to approve the substitution of native plant species for the 2017 Edgewood College Community Partner grant . The motion was unanimously approved.

approved

Revisions for 2018 Grant Process and Guidelines

After a discussion of the 2017 grant guidelines, It was decided to leave event equipment rentals as is on a case by case decision for such things as transportation, portable toilets, chairs, tables, etc. Habecker was asked to investigate how much grant money has been requested and given for food for events for the Community Partner's grant program over the past three years. Habecker was also requested to draft a possible "letter of retroactivity" for Council approved Capital Equipment grants that would like to utilize their funds before all the contract routing is completed. She was also advised to reinforce that volunteers should use the county's living wage for volunteer's time unless it is for professional services volunteers. Additionally use of this should be included in the budget sample.

D. Presentations

Announcements

Habecker announced that all the 2016 grants are completed and their final reports are all posted on the Council's website. A thank you letter was received from the Catholic Multicultural Center for their 2017 grant. This passed around. Two new county efforts are underway, a Chloride Reduction group to look at developing guidelines for deicers so as to minimize salt use on sidewalks, trails, and parking lots. Additionally a Task Force will be forming called Healthy Farms, Healthy Lakes, to create a greater understanding of Dane County's phosphorus budget and current practices and policies for farmland management. They will be creating a report with recommendations on the most effective means of removing phosphorus from county waters. This effort should begin this summer.

Pollinator Protection Update

Habecker passed out the finished pollinator brochure. 10,000 copies were printed by Park Printing Solutions. Some have already been sent out. The displays are nearing completion and their materials will be sent to the printers next week. The Council's website now has a Pollinator tab with all the materials on them. More will be coming. Habecker has a meeting scheduled with Dane County Parks staff this week to discuss demonstration sites and educational signage. The project is moving ahead and is on track with the developed work plan.

E. Reports to Committee - none

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5pm in room C at the Fen Oak Resource Center. Agenda items include: Election of Officers, Selection of a regular meeting time, 2018 Grant Process and Guidelines concerning food.

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

I. Adjourn

adjourned

Soellner made and Jacobson seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

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