



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environmental Council

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

5:00 PM Room 321, City County Bld, 210 Martin Luther King Jr,
Blvd.

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A. Call To Order

Present 6 - PATRICK DOWNING, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, Chair STEVEN FALTER,
JEFFREY SOELLNER, Vice Chair ALIXANDRA JACOBSON, and NIKOLE
JONES

Absent 1 - SHELLY ALLNESS

Falter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.. Teague Mawer, a new Council member was introduced to the Council. Habecker, staff was also present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

approved

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Attachments: [Minutes April 25 2017](#)

Falter left the meeting saying his goodbys after the minutes were approved.
Downing abstained from the vote.

C. Action Items

Election of Officers

*Downing made and Sridharan seconded a motion to elect the following slate of
candidates: Alixander Jacobson, chair; Jeff Soellner, vice chair; and Teague Mawer,
secretary.*

approved

After discussion about willingness to serve as officers of the Council. Downing made and Sridharan seconded a motion to elect the following slate of candidates: Alixander Jacobson, chair; Jeff Soellner, vice chair; and Teague Mawer, secretary. The vote was unanimously approved.

Selection of Regular Meeting Date

Downing made and Sridharan seconded a motion to meet regularly at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The location of the meeting will rotate between the City County Building and Fen Oak Resource Center.

approved

After a discussion of schedules, Downing made and Sridharan seconded a motion to meet regularly at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The location of the meeting will rotate between the City County Building and Fen Oak Resource Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

2018 Grant Process and Guidelines concerning food

Habecker shared a chart of food expenditures that were requested from the Community Partner grant program over the past 4 years. There have been 4 requests with 3 of them granted. Two were from the Catholic Multicultural Center who state in their application that their participants come from economically challenged homes and that food is a greatly valued part of their program draw. The Council decided to have food requests be dealt with on a case by case basis with no grant guidance in the application.

D. Presentations

Announcements

Downing announced that the Director of Dane County Land and Water Resources, Kevin Connors, is retiring after 40 years of service to the county. Downing's musical group will be playing on Thursday, July 20th at the Memorial Union Terrace from 5-7 pm. This will be part of an informal farewell celebration for Connors. Council members were invited. Habecker announced that the county is engaged in a number of environmental initiatives, a Chloride Reduction for winter salt use on driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, and trails. The county is developing salt use guidelines this summer and into the fall. The City of Madison is complementing this program by simultaneously developing a voluntary certification training program for this city. It hopes to utilize the newly developed guidelines. The county is also getting ready for the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force that will spend the next 12 months developing recommendations for policy makers on the most effective means of removing phosphorus from the county's waters. The group will be focused on farmland management and will study current research concerning best management practices. Dane County UW Extension is preparing to offer Master Composter classes in cooperation with the City of Madison this fall. Additionally Dane County UW-Extension will be offering workshops and field trip focused on enhancing and maintaining habitat for urban wildlife in September.

Pollinator Protection Update

The Dane County Pollinator Plan implementation has been moving ahead. The three display boards that can be lent out for public events are now completed. They feature an interactive game on bee or wasp identification and include a brochure rack with the newly created brochures. Habecker has begun work on the demonstration gardens by meeting with Parks Department staff to select potential park sites with active Friends Groups in locations that would meet the partner criteria. The sites selected include Pheasant Branch, Anderson, and Lake Farm Parks. Habecker will be meeting with these groups to plan and design each garden. Additionally Habecker is working with Centro Hispano and the Badger Prairie Community Garden site (this site is also on the Ice Age Trail, a county bike trail and by a county Park & Ride site) to put in pollinator educational gardens and signage. Centro Hispano would like all the materials translated into Spanish and their permanent signage in both English and Spanish. Habecker is working on developing project guidance agreements/expectations, researching permanent outdoor signage options, looking for graphic designers, and meeting with experts in pollinator gardens. The timeline will most likely be garden design, site preparation, and signage development done in 2017 and garden installation and maintenance in spring 2018. The Pollinator work group meet directly after the Council's meeting to work on project details until 8:00 pm.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17th at 5:30 pm at Fen Oak Resource Center, room C.

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

I. Adjourn

Downing moved and Soellner seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

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