



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environmental Council

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Monday, July 17, 2017

5:30 PM Fen Oak Resource Center, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, room C

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 6 - PATRICK DOWNING, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, Chair STEVEN FALTER,  
JEFFREY SOELLNER, Vice Chair ALIXANDRA JACOBSON, and TEAGUE  
MAWER

**Excused** 2 - SHELLY ALLNESS, and NIKOLE JONES

Meeting called to order by Jacobson at 5:35 p.m. Habecker also present. Downing arrived at 5:45 pm.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

*A motion was made by SOELLNER, seconded by MAWER, that the be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote. Downing not present for vote.*  
**approved**

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#### C. Action Items

Village of DeForest grant revision request

*A motion to approve the Village of DeForest's request to relocate the grant funded benches to another park location was made by JACOBSON, seconded by SOELLNER, that the be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.*  
**approved**

Habecker will contact the Village of DeForest about the results of the grant change request.

Field Review of grant projects

*A motion was made by Downing and seconded by Sridharan to approve the Council's touring of three grant sites, to include the Catholic Multicultural Center, Edgewood College and the Middleton Youth Center for the September 2017 review. The motion carried by a voice vote. Soellner voted against the motion.*  
**approved**

Discussion included adding more potential review sites. The grant sites will be asked about, How could the Council improve the grant process? Jacobson is coordinating the tour which will begin at 2pm and will be held on either Friday, September 15th or Monday, September 18th.

#### **D. Presentations**

##### Announcements

Jacobson announced that she checked out a pollinator seed card activity kit and used it with youth at the Aldo Leopold Center. The children enjoyed both the seed card making and the pollinator fortune teller activities. Downing announced that Kevin Connors, Director of Dane County Land and Water Resource Department is retiring on Friday, July 21st. One Thursday, July 20th there will be a celebration at Fen Oak Resource Center from 1:30-3:30 and that evening at 5:30 at the Union Terrace where Downing's band will play from 5:30-7:30 pm. Habecker announced that the first public meeting for Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes will be on Wednesday, August 2nd in room 354 of the City County Building. At this meeting there will be an overview of phosphorus reductions efforts in the Yahara Watershed. Master Composter training is scheduled for this fall (September 25 and October 2nd) and an Urban Wildlife Stewardship program is planned for September 13, 20, and 30th. See Dane County UW Extension's website for details. Habecker also announced a Bumble Bee Survey Workshop that the Council is sponsoring jointly with UW-Arboretum and Dane County Parks. This will be held on Friday, July 28th 1-4pm at the UW-Arboretum. See Pollinator Update for details.

##### Pollinator Protection Update

Habecker outlined the progress made in the last month. She brought the tri-fold display. One of three now available for check out by organizations or individuals for educational events. She brought table top brochure holders in 4 designs that are being used by vendors at local farmer's markets, by honey producers who have market stands and by other interested organizations.

Habecker also discussed the 5 educational pollinator gardens being organized for with the following groups: Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Bock Community Garden), Anderson County Park, Lake Farm County Park at the Lussier Family Center, Centro Hispano, and the Badger Prairie Community Garden near the Ice Age Trail and Military Ridge Trail. This latter site may be postponed for a year until the flooding issues are addressed. Donald Park has also been contacted. The brochure, seed card and pollinator game are being translated into Spanish for Centro Hispano site and for other multicultural sites. A partner agreement has been developed to ensure long term site maintenance and educational use. Habecker has met with all these groups, discussed the agreement terms, Most are now in the process of sharing this information with their Boards to get approval for the joint garden project. The timing for most of the gardens will be design and site preparation in 2017, sign design fall 2017, ordering plants in winter 2017, planting gardens in May 2018 along with permanent sign installation.

Habecker also noted that Environmental Council has been active in pollinator educational outreach at public events and is getting ready to sponsor at workshop for Bumble Bee Suvey for the County Parks' Friends Groups. This workshop will be held, Friday July 28th 1-4pm at the UW Arboretum. Council members are welcome to come and observe.

**E. Reports to Committee -none**

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Jacobson said there will be no August meeting. The next meeting will be either Friday, September 15th or Monday, September 18th beginning at 2pm for the grant field review. The date will be determined after checking the availability of the organizations to be reviewed. Agenda items will include: Pollinator Update and Fundraising.

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

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none**

**I. Adjourn**

*A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by SOELLNER, that the be adjourned at 6:50 pm. The motion carried by a voice vote.*

**adjourned**

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