



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environmental Council

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 6 - LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, JEFFREY SOELLNER, TEAGUE MAWER, NATALIE  
EISNER, THOMAS EGGERT, and JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

Soellner called the meeting to order at 5:00. Habecker also present.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

*The minutes of September 7, 2018 were unanimously approved.*  
approved

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**Attachments:** [Minutes September 7 2018](#)

#### C. Action Items

##### 1. Grant Issues that Need Attention

Habecker reported that 2018 grant project reports have been coming in and are being posted to the website.

##### 2. Private Fundraising

Soellner has contacted ATC and is awaiting a reply. Eisner suggested sponsoring a bike ride event similar to Bike to Barns as a possible way to fundraise. She spoke to this event organizer to learn more about it. Needs to yet discover resources (financial, staffing and other) needed to host such an event. Perhaps can use a kickstarter platform to raise money for specific projects or events. Eisner and Sridharan will plan on visiting MG&E. Schwellenbach will visit some of the garden centers/nurseries since Environmental Council is helping to implement the Pollinator Protection Plan. Habecker will send out the talking points to help prepare for these visits.

**D. Presentations****1. Announcements**

Habecker announced that another Yahara Lake Level group will be meeting. This will be most likely staffed out of the Dane County Land and Water Resources Department. The Cherokee Yahara Estuary Rehabilitation Project is also occurring but has slowed due to the staffing demands due to flood issues.

**2. Pollinator Protection Update and Work Group Business**

Habecker reported that progress on the 5 gardens for the 2018-19 season is on-going. The main hold up for three of the sites is educational and maintenance support. Both Village of Cross Plains and Schumacher Farm Park in Waunakee have decided to move forward. Still awaiting final confirmation on City of Madison at Warner Park, Village of Oregon and City of Sun Prairie. The target was to work with municipalities as stressed in the Pollinator Protection Plan and attempt to have geographic representation. Also working on developing 60 tabletop attractive brochure holders that will be used for municipal and garden/farmers market outreach efforts. Habecker is also planning to train Master Gardener speakers bureau volunteers on pollinator outreach and share her developed presentations and outreach materials.

**E. Reports to Committee - none****F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

The next meeting of the Environmental Council will be on the Wednesday, November 28th at 5pm in the City County Building, Room 321.

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - non****H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

Eggert suggested that the Environmental Council consider updating its logo.

**1. Pollinator Protection Work Group**

The Pollinator Protection work group, consisting of Soellner, Mawer, Sridharan, Eisner, Eggert and staff, Habecker met to discuss the 2018 work plan and budget suggestions to implement that plan. The work group decided that the 2018 budget should include money for the following: Outreach/educational supplies and development (priority area especially with youth), plants and materials needed for the 5 gardens, UW Insect Ambassador stipends (\$50 per Dane County school teaching visit that focuses on pollinator protection amounting to a total of \$2000. Habecker will work with Eisner on this project that uses graduate student volunteers. Reports and records and guidelines will be needed for this.) Garden signage (Bee Friendly) as part of an incentive program for homeowners, schools and businesses. Funds for the signs and stakes up to \$3000. This will have criteria developed at a future date. The work group also discussed possible ways to develop incentives for pollinator friendly practices on private lands. The group brainstormed: tax break (similar to stormwater utility), bee friendly signage, and discovered this needs more study.

## I. Adjourn

adjourned

Environmental Council meeting was adjourned at 5:47 and the Pollinator Work Group meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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