



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?

Thursday, February 27, 2020

5:00 PM

City County Building, Room 321

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A. Call To Order

Present 3 - THOMAS EGGERT, NATALIE EISNER, and Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

Excused 1 - LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN

Habecker and Luke Wynn, Clean Lakes Alliance were also present. New member Peter Seel was also present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of January 15, 2020 approved.

approved

Excused: 1 - SRIDHARAN

Abstain: 1 - EGGERT

YGP - Aye: 2 - EISNER and SCHWELLENBACH

Peter Seel abstained from the vote.

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C. Action Items

1. Election of Officers

Motion to nominate Peter Seel to serve as the Vice Chair of Dane County Environmental Council.

approved

New member Peter Seel expressed interest in serving as the Vice Chair for the Environmental Council. He has served as an officer for other organizations he has been involved with. Eggert moved and Schwellenbach seconded a motion to nominate Peter Seel as the Council's Vice Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Grant Program Items Needing Attention

The grant applications are due at the end of the work day tomorrow. Lots of phone calls with questions. Habecker will provide the Council on Monday, March 2nd with a link to a Google file that will have all the reviewer resources (review sheets, roster of past awarded grants and grant guidelines) and a folder with the Community Partners applications and a folder with the Capital Equipment applications. Council will have until the March 27th meeting to review and rank the grants.

3. Private Fundraising

American Transmission Company has sent a \$500 check to the Council to assist with funding grants. The check arrived this week. This is due to Jeff Soellner's working with them. No other progress on fundraising.

4. Pollinator Protection Initiatives

Habecker developed and sent out the 2019 Pollinator Progress report to all involved county departments. Progress is being made on the signage for the 2020 public gardens. Funds were transferred to University of Wisconsin Entomology Department so that the club members (graduate and undergraduate Entomology majors) of Insect Ambassadors can be awarded a \$50 stipend for giving pollinator presentations to Dane County school groups. Additionally money was given to a staffer in that department, Katy Thostenson, to refine and make into a digital format the pollinator habitat assessment tool. There is a meeting to begin this work next week. The project should be completed by the end of spring.

D. Presentations

1. Announcements

Habecker will be exhibiting the Council's pollinator education at the 50th Anniversary Earth Day Conference sponsored by the Nelson Institute.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Pollinator Protection Annual Report was sent out and will be posted on the Council's website.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting of the Environmental Council is on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 2pm at the Fen Oak Resource Center, room C. The Council will be reviewing grants at that meeting.

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

I. Adjourn

adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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