



# 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, May 16, 2018

5:30 PM Room 321, City County Bld, 210 Martin Luther King Jr  
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#### A. Call To Order

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

Soellner called the meeting to order at 5:30. Habecker was also in attendance. New members Natalie Eisner and Thomas Eggert were introduced.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

This was approved

[2017](#)  
[MIN-582](#)

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**Attachments:** [Minutes March 14 2018](#)

#### C. Action Items

##### 1. Set Regular Meeting Time and Date

Discussion on continuing with third Wednesday as meeting time. For all but Supervisor Downing the City County Building is the place of preference. Downing would like the location to rotate between Fen Oak and the City County Building. Time was not discussed except to note that an earlier time could be used at the City County Building while 5:30 needed to allow people to get out to Fen Oak site. No final decision made on regular time and location. Will wait until see who is appointed to the Council as a Supervisor.

##### 2. Review of 2018 Grant Process

The following revisions will be made to the 2019 grant guidelines:

- \* Note will be made about need to use PC equipment when filling out the budget sheet and cover sheet PDF forms. Apple products will not work with these forms. Soellner will send Habecker sample language.
- \* Revised budget example so \$288 example states it needs two bids.
- \* Highlight further the need for 2 bids for any request totals of \$250 or more.
- \* In addition to the criteria, the Council will prioritize projects that would not be able to happen without this grant. Share this with the County Executive's Office once done. This latter change was made through a motion.

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### 3. Pollinator Protection

Habecker outlined the current progress of the 2018 work. The interpretive signs have been produced and distributed and the plants are arriving tomorrow and will be distributed on Thursday and Friday for the remaining 4 pollinator gardens. After this is done, Habecker will begin making contact for the next round of gardens.

### 4. Private Fundraising

Habecker stated that the Veridian Homes Foundation had donated \$500 to the Council. This was in response to the mailing of funding requests and not to a personal contact. Eggert asked to see the listing of groups that we request funding from and Habecker will send it to the new members.

### 5. Prairie Burn

Downing checked about the proper maintenance of the Council prairie at the end of the Prairie Heritage Trail at the intersection of A, G, and JG. Management by periodic fires would be complicated and a biannual mowing with periodic maintenance to make sure that wild parsnip or other undesirable species don't invade would be helpful. Downing stated that historically the Council was active in stewardship projects and suggested that the Council meet in that area in June and post business meeting take care of the prairie by weeding it. The Council considered this suggestion and decided to undertake it for the June 20th meeting.

## D. Presentations

### 1. Announcements

**E. Reports to Committee****1. 2018 Environmental Council Awarded Grants**

[2017](#)  
[RPT-744](#)

**2018 ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL AWARDED GRANTS**

**Attachments:** [Awarded Grants in both programs 2018](#)

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

The next meeting of the Council will be at the Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Hwy A at 6pm. Be prepared for active weed management in the triangle prairie at the intersection of A, G, and JG. Wear light-colored clothes (to better spot ticks) including a long sleeved shirt, work pants, work gloves, a hat, and a weed cutting tool that can be used on a stalk about 1" diameter.

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - none****H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law none****I. Adjourn**

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