



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?

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

5:30 PM

City County Bld, Room 354

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A. Call To Order

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

Absent 1 - PATRICK DOWNING

Soellner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Natalie Eisner arrived at 5:40. Habecker also present. Supervisor Downing is no longer a member of the Environmental Council.

B. Consideration of Minutes

This was approved

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C. Action Items

1. Set Regular Meeting Time, Date, and Location

After discussion the Council membership agreed to meet monthly at 5pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the City County Building.

2. Grant Issues that Need Attention

No issues needing attention. The Council website has been updated with the 2019 grant application materials.

3. Field Review of Grants

Eisner has agreed to help organize a field review of grant projects for one of the first two Fridays in September. This will be coupled with the Council's meeting. Usually 2-4 sites are visited and the meeting begins in the early afternoon. Habecker will assist Eisner with information.

4. Private Fundraising

No progress to report. Eggert and Soellner will follow up on tasks and report at next meeting.

5. Prairie Maintenance for prairie at intersection of A,G, and JG

Supervisor Downing and Merel Black, a local citizen went out to this site and took care of most of the weed maintenance so the Council did not need to meet in the Town of Primrose to do this work. However, this roughly triangular property at the intersection of three county roads, G, JG, and A, is at the end of the 10 mile Prairie Heritage Trail established by the Environmental Council around 1976. The Dane County Highway Department oversees this property and does not wish to burn it as they don't have the resources. There is a sign denoting the trail and the Environmental Council so the Council may wish to make sure that it is maintained. Merel Black is to provide some guidance to the Council on this. Additionally a sign and small prairie is located at the start of the trail near the Village of Mount Horeb and the Military Ridge Trail. This small prairie is maintained yearly by the Mound View Garden Club volunteers. The Council may wish to recognize their ongoing volunteer work to maintain this prairie. Habecker established this relationship in 2011 and also seasonally stocks two Prairie Heritage Bike trail guide holders at the Military Ridge Trail Headquarters in Mount Horeb.

D. Presentations

1. Announcements

Habecker shared a thank you for the grant funding from the Madison Children's Museum. Supervisor Schwollenbach will follow up with Supervisor Ripp about the start-up non-profit who wishes to develop bee hives that are inaccessible to humans.

2. Pollinator Protection

Habecker updated about the 2018 pollinator progress that consisted of making contacts to put in 5 additional pollinator educational gardens, and contacting county departments to assess progress on pollinator protection. Eisner would like to join the work group for pollinator protection. Habecker will call a meeting of the group in August.

E. Reports to Committee- none

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Soellner will determine if an August meeting is needed. The September meeting will be a field review of grant sites on either the first or second Friday of September.

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

I. Adjourn

This was adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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