



# 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, November 28, 2018

5:00 PM

City-County Building, Room 321

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#### A. Call To Order

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

Vice Chair, Mawer called the meeting to order at 5:05. Habecker was also present.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

*Minutes of October 10, 2018 were unanimously approved.*

**This was approved**

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#### C. Action Items

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

Habecker informed the Council that no decision issues are pending. Reports are coming in, payments are being made and the 2019 grant applications will be mailed out in December.

##### 2. Private Fundraising

Schwellenbach had questions concerning what can contributors donate towards, how are they acknowledged, and how information should be sent out. These were discussed. She will move forward with asking for funding from garden centers and other green industry prospects. Soellner had made contact with ATC. The ATC contact let him know that for 2018 they had already expended their funds, however they said try in early 2019 and there will be a better chance of securing funding.

### 3. Environmental Council Logo

Eggert stated that the logo seems dated and mentioned that pines are not good representations for vegetation of our area. Habecker said the current logo dated from 2007 when a logo contest was run. The Council had worked with the winner who was awarded \$100 to slightly modify the design before it was used by the Council. Eggert said that he would be willing to work with UW graphic design program to see if a student contest offering could be held. The Council decided to delay this project until after the 2019 grants are awarded to see what remains of the budget. Eggert will check to see if such an offering would be possible at UW and what sort of award funding would induce students to participate. Habecker will check with the county to see if there are any guidelines about changing a logo for a county Council.

## **D. Presentations**

### 1. Announcements

Habecker announced and shared current grant reports that are now up on the website. She also announced that the Council history section has been updated on the website.

### 2. Pollinator Protection Update

Habecker showed the pollinator garden incentive signs (in three designs) for future work with schools or community groups. She also showed the table-top displays for pollinator brochures that will be given to all county municipalities. These are in 4 designs. Plants are being ordered for the 4 gardens going in spring 2019 and modifications are being made for their interpretive signs. All is progressing. The 2018 budget is wrapping up with expenditures being made to prepare for the early 2019 plan objectives.

## **E. Reports to Committee- none**

## **F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for January 9, 2019 at 5pm in the City County Building room 321. It will be followed by a Pollinator Protection work group meeting in the same room. Note that Lakshmi Sridharan will not be able to attend the January nor February meetings. Julie Schwellenbach will not be able to attend a February 13 meeting.

## **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 5:55 and was followed directly by a Pollinator Protection work group meeting. This group reviewed the progress on the budget and made suggestion to purchase more table-top displays for holding brochures that could go out to libraries and community centers. The reviewed and added financial accounting details to the Insect Ambassador program where UW entomology graduate students give presentations in the Dane County community. The Council will be providing a stipend for those presentations focused on pollinator protection. The work group will be meeting again on December 20, 2018 at 4:30 pm in the Central Public Library to develop a 2019 work plan. The ended their meeting at 7:10 pm.

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