



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, March 13, 2019

4:00 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

Soellner called the meeting to order at 4:08. Habecker also present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of February 6 2019 unanimously approved.

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Attachments: [Minutes February 6 2019](#)

C. Action Items

1. Pollinator Protection Subcommittee Work

The Council is currently distributing approximately 100 pollinator brochure stands to all county municipalities, libraries, and community centers. Habecker will have to reorder as found 8 stands broken. This work will be completed in March and has led to a surge in requests for community presentations on pollinators. The UW Sustainability class project on developing a pollinator habitat assessment tool is progressing. The project guidance team met with the students on March 1st and will meet again in early April. The final report for the project will be given on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:05 in room 2170 Grainger Hall. All Council members are welcome to come. The pollinator educational gardens are coming along. Habecker distributed the final interpretive signs to this year's gardens this month. The gardens will be prepared for planting in April and the plants will arrive in mid May. Habecker has made contact with Dane County Parks to see where else gardens might be put in where there are active Friends groups to support it.

2. Budget Review

Motion to set aside \$621 of Council budget funds for printing and other expenses.

This was approved to set aside \$621 of Council budget funds for printing and other expenses.

The Council has \$10,000 in Capital Equipment grant money and \$9621 in its overall budget including private donations. A motion was made by Sridharan and seconded by Schwellenbach to set aside \$621 for printing and other Council expenses and use up to \$9000 for the Community Partners grants. This money could also be used to supplement the Capital Equipment grant program. The motion unanimously was approved.

3. Review of 2019 Environmental Council Grants

Sridharan made and Eggert seconded a motion to fund 21 grant projects totaling \$18,829.55 with \$10,000 awarded in the Capital Equipment program and \$8829.55 awarded in the Community Partners program.

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2019 ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL AWARDED GRANTS

Attachments: [Awarded Grants in both programs 2019](#)

The Council reviewed and discussed all the submitted grant applications for 2019. There were 26 applications requesting a total of \$32,296.00 with \$10,000 awarded in the Capital Equipment program and \$8829.55 awarded in the Community Partner program. The specific awards are listed in the attached report. Habecker will follow up with phone calls, letters, contract development, press release, and website updates.

4. Revisions for 2020 Grant Process and Guidelines

The Council briefly discussed making the following changes to next year's grant program guidelines: place a watermark on the Example budget, clarify evaluation, consider adding social justice and sustainability as grant parameters, clarify what is needed of applicant with a checklist, and clarify what is meant by public benefit. These and other possible changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. Presentations

1. Announcements

E. Reports to Committee - none

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 at 5pm in room 321 City County Building.

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

I. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

This was adjourned

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