



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?

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

5:00 PM

Room 321, City County Building

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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 5:07. Also present were staff, Mindy Habecker and UW Law student, Jared Dakovich.

B. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of March 13, 2019 were approved.

[2018](#)
[MIN-532](#)

Attachments: [Minutes March 13 2019](#)

C. Action Items

1. Election of Officers

Motion by Eggert and second by Schwellenbach to reappoint Soellner as Chair and Mawer at Vice Chair of the Environmental Council. Motion unanimously approved.

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2. Grant Guidelines and Grants

Habecker noted that the County Executive's Office sent out a press release on the grant awards last week. Habecker was contacted by the development director for Aldo Leopold Nature Center and they chose to return their partially funded grant money (\$1250) as they are in the midst of a capital campaign and cannot at this time raise the additional funds needed to purchase their desired wood splitter. She checked with the operations personelle and this was their decision. So Habecker returned that money and still used all the Capital Equipment dollars, but not as much in the Community Partners funding because of this action.

Habecker was also contacted by the Friends of Capital Springs who came in to sign the contract but did not do so as they don't have the amount of insurance nor workman's compensation asked for by the county. Habecker will have to check to see if there are allowances for a park's friend's group.

The Council discussed changes to the 2020 grant guidelines and asked Habecker to draft a new version for the May 8th meeting that includes the following changes:

- * Watermark on the sample budget form
- * Include social justice and sustainability as components in proposal narrative
- * Make sure that public benefit is addressed (design form so have boxes for mandatory narrative components)
- * Change evaluation to Show impacts in both the guidelines, form and in the final report and guidance about report(letter or contract)
- * Specify that Program Plan and Objectives is for the specific project that they are requesting funding for and not groups's overall program plan

3. Pollinator Protection

Habecker updated the Council on a number of activities concerning 2019 Pollinator Work including:

- * Nearing completion on distribution of 100 pollinator brochure stands to county's municipalities, libraries, and community centers. This has been great exposure to the community of the Council's pollinator efforts and has led to lots of requests for additional resources.
- * Habecker presenting on pollinator habitat enhancements gardeners can do to about 10 local libraries. These have started and continue through the spring and summer.
- * 4 Pollinator Educational gardens being planted this May and 6 more locations will be sought for 2019-20 to complete this project with a goal of having 15 distributed throughout the county
- * The UW Sustainability Class was meet with for a second time by the guidance group on April 5th. The student project team will be presenting their project to the Council and guidance team on April 29th 6pm at UW Grainger Hall, Room 2170. An Environmental Council meeting will be scheduled at that location since we will have quorum and discussion on the project and its next steps.
- * Habecker passed out initial program details for the Community and School Pollinator Friendly Practices Program. Council will review and edit them and be ready to discuss this program for the May 8th meeting.

D. Presentations

Announcements

Habecker announced that a series of pollinator presentations and events are coming up this spring and summer. Our outreach to libraries and municipalities have led to some of these. Whitehorse Middle School sent a thank your note that was passed around. Habecker is assisting with a Watershed Fair in the South Town neighborhood area focused on reaching diverse families and teaching some leadership skills.

E. Reports to Committee- none

[2018](#) 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL AWARDED GRANTS
[RPT-564](#)

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

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next three meetings of the Council will be: Monday, April 29th 6pm at UW Grainger Hall, Room 2170; Wednesday, May 8th at 5pm in the CCB and Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 at 5pm in the CCB.

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 6:40 pm.

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