



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, May 8, 2019

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

Soellner called the meeting to order at 5:00. Habecker also in attendance.

B. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of April 29, 2019 were unanimously approved.

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Attachments: [Minutes April 29 2019](#)

C. Action Items

1. Grant and Grant Guidelines

The Council reviewed the ammended guidelines and made additional changes to clarify the document. Habecker will make these changes and send the newly revised document back to the Council for further review. Additionally the grant acceptance letter for the Community Partners grant and the Capital Equipment guidance on final reports will be sent to the Council for review prior to the next Council meeting.

Pollinator Protection

Habecker reported that the plants for the pollinator educational gardens are arriving on May 15th. She will be sorting these and distributing them to the garden sites. Habecker alerted the gardens last week and provided guidance so that the sites will be ready for planting.

The pollinator brochure stands are now distributed to 100 locations in the county including municipal offices, public libraries and community centers. Thanks to Eggert, Eisner, Habecker, and Soellner for helping in this effort.

The UW Sustainability Class's Pollinator Assessment Project was presented to the Council last week. Eggert had the student group complete some more work on the project so that more background information and assessment scaling justifications and references are included. The Council will move forward with this project as follows: Habecker will call together a technical advisory group to review the assessment tool produced by the class and better refine it for landowner needs in Dane County. This group will consist of members of the class project advisory team (UW Entomology, UW Arboretum, City of Madison, WDNR). In addition representatives of DATCP (pollinator plan specialist), WGNHS (Peter Hughes), and UW Extension Specialist, Christy Stewart (who has published a pollinator factsheet and assisted with other pollinator educational materials) will be asked to be involved. This meeting will be scheduled for the week of May 26th in the later afternoon. Xerces will be asked to contribute but may charge to be consulted.

The Council reviewed the Community & School Pollinator Friendly Practices Program providing additional guidance on incentives for the program and inquired how the best management practices will be developed that will provide actions for schools and communities to take to enhance pollinators. It was suggested that we might wish to partners with businesses to help support this program once it is established so that it is sustainable. The next steps will be that Habecker will make changes to the program detail outline and will draft an application process for the program. These items will be ready for the June 18th meeting.

D. Presentations

1. Announcements

Habecker announced that the Council was given an invitation to an event at the Aldo Leopold Center. Chairman Soellner said he may attend it on behalf of the Council. Habecker has also 6 library pollinator garden presentations lined up. This is due to our outreach to county public libraries. She also has some other pollinator educational outreach events lined up.

E. Reports to Committee

[2019](#)
[RPT-027](#)

POLLINATOR HABITAT ASSESSMENT TOOL UW SUSTAINABILITY
CLASS REPORT

Attachments: [Pollinators Project UW Sustainability Class 4 2019 - Final Submission](#)

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Environmental Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th 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**

This was adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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