



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Public Works Sustainability Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

12:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Bubb was proxy for Subcommittee member Brockmeyer.

Also present: Sup. Joers, Sup. Ratcliff, John Welch, Roxanne Wienke, Sujata Gautam, Kathy Kuntz, and Lisa MacKinnon.

Present 8 - DAVE MERRITT, CHUCK ERICKSON, DAVE RIPP, KATE MCGINNITY, STEVEN PETERS, GREG BROCKMEYER, LAURA HICKLIN, and JERRY MANDLI

B. Consideration of Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE 5-24-21 SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [MINUTES OF THE 5-24-21 SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by PETERS, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

1. CONTINUING DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE OF SMART FUND INCLUDING USE OF REMAINING FUND BALANCE

Given that sustainable capital projects have been incorporated routinely into the budgeting process, the subcommittee agreed that the large extra-budget SMART Fund has served its purpose since 2012 and the fund's priorities and process have now been institutionalized. The subcommittee discussed a desire to maintain a small emergency SMART Fund for emergent departmental capital projects that come up outside of the department's budget and that were not anticipated in the budgeting, but that would have a positive sustainability benefit if funded when requested. There will be no more regularly-solicited SMART Fund proposal rounds. The emergency proposals will be made on an as-needed basis. Once the subcommittee makes a final decision on the AEC proposal submitted today (waiting on a revision and more information) then the subcommittee will also make a final decision on the amount and process for the emergency fund.

The subcommittee will continue to meet on a quarterly basis as other agenda topics necessitate meetings.

2. AEC SMART FUND PROPOSAL -- CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY SUBCOMMITTEE

AEC Director Brent McHenry presented the proposal for new LED lighting and controls in the AEC Exposition Hall Monona and Lake meeting rooms. The project is seen as emergent because the failure of the lighting controls was unexpected and sudden and affects the function of the event rooms. The lights and controls are 1980s-era, incandescent bulbs, the dimmers and motion sensors no longer work so the lights are left on and are not functional for presentations in the rooms. This is the last area of the AEC without LED lighting fixtures installed.

Subcommittee members had a number of questions and asked McHenry to revise the proposal and provide the following additional information:

1) Itemization of costs (bulbs and fixture and controls vs. other things ("infrastructure", labor, etc))

2) A quote/estimate from Focus on Energy re: what parts of the project are eligible for custom or standard incentive/rebate, and how much that would amount to roughly (this amount would be poured back into the SMART Fund upon receipt of the rebate)

3) AEC needs to discuss the proposal/quote/project with Dane Co Facilities Mgt to see if there are any parts of the project they could handle and whether that would reduce the costs. If so, present a revised proposal based on that change and what Facilities Mgt might be able to work on.

The subcommittee will reconvene on Wednesday, July 14, at noon to consider the updated proposal.

A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by RIPP, that action on this item be postponed to the Public Works Sustainability Subcommittee, due back by 7/14/2021 The motion carried by a voice vote.

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2021 SMART FUND APPLICATION --AEC LIGHTING

Attachments: [2021 SMART Fund Application --AEC Lighting -- Final 6.17.21](#)

3. CONTINUING DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPPORTUNITIES / EMERGING AREAS OF FOCUS AND NEXT STEPS FOR COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE ADVANCEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES AND OPERATIONS

The subcommittee discussed a proposal from Sup. Joers to adopt a policy limiting single-use plastics in county facilities and operations (similar to the attached Milwaukee County policy).

Welch likes the idea of doing this for things within the jurisdiction of the county facilities (given that the state has certain prohibitions on banning plastics). Cautioned to consider any unintended consequences that could interfere with county operations.

Ripp also likes the idea of pursuing this policy but cautioned that any proposed replacement items should be examined for unintended effects (e.g., plastic food wrap that contained PFAS).

The subcommittee also discussed development of a broader responsible purchasing policy and agreed that staff, DOA, and Waste and Renewables should meet as an ad hoc team to explore options for creation of a comprehensive responsible and sustainable purchasing policy and bring information back to the subcommittee.

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SAMPLE RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING POLICIES FOR TOPIC DISCUSSION

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [20-147 RESOLUTION.Milw CoSingle use](#)
[PSM-9-2-4-Sustainable-Green-Purchasing-Policy-Final-](#)
[WA EPP Survey Questions-FINAL-042021](#)

D. Presentations

1. UPDATE ON OFFICE OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE EFFORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION (KATHY KUNTZ)

OECC Director Kathy Kuntz presented an update on the efforts on the activities of the Office of Energy and Climate Change (see attached presentation).

Subcommittee members asked questions about county land use policy around location of solar panels and other renewables. Questions centered on maximizing use of land adjacent to solar installations.

Welch mentioned that the county has a policy to place pollinator-friendly and prairie plants underneath and adjacent to solar installations at county facilities.

In terms of collaboration, Kuntz would like to create a more effective way for County Board members to showcase the county's climate champions in their districts to create more visibility and incentive for others to take action.

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OECC PRESENTATION --7-7-21

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [OECC presentation Sustainability Subcomm 7-7-21](#)

E. Reports to Committee

NONE

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The subcommittee will meet again in one week--July 14 at noon-- to reconsider the revised AEC proposal and also to finalize a decision about an emergency SMART Fund, the amount, and any needed budget action for that after the action is taken on the AEC proposal.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

I. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by PETERS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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