

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

10/25/21 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Ohren, Stone, Weinert, Simmons, Seegert, Williams, Naud, Bukowski

Members Absent:

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present: Coleman

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Stone called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Roll Call

Weinert is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Simmons is present attending remotely from Manhattan Kansas, Riley County, KS.

Bukowski is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI

Stone is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Williams is present and attending remotely from City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County MI.

Smith is present and attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

Naud is present and attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Ohren is present and attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Seegert is present and attending remotely from Salem Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of agenda without amendment moved by Simmons, seconded by Williams. All in favor.

Approval of 9/27/21 Minutes

Approval of minutes without amendment moved by Ohren, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Reports and Updates

County Updates

Eggermont thanked Ohren for presenting the program evaluation at the last Board of Public Works meeting. The BPW approved the report and also approved a resolution to earmark \$1million of the solid waste fund for a replacement Drop-Off Station in concert with EGLE funding. He believes EGLE will not be funding that project this funding cycle.

Northfield township is not receiving trash service at present due to lack of haulers and the County is looking to support their efforts for a mini-clean up for trash collection.

The County will help coordinate a TV collection event in collaboration with RAA and City of Ann Arbor at the end of November.

WRRMA

A final grant report was presented to WRRMA last Monday. They preliminarily approved it and requested another week to submit edits. Representatives from the GFL MRF in New Boston were at the meeting in September and discussed that although they are accepting glass, they are not currently recycling it due to its negative value. WRRMA is looking into ways to get the glass recycled.

Member Updates

Williams recently added an AI sorted to the WWRA processing lines. They will receive a new automated processing truck at the end of November. WWRA just received the Recycling Quality Improvement Grant.

Weinert added the Recycle Ann Arbor facility has been in full testing mode this past week, and full-scale operations will begin on November 1st. He has seen some contamination of gas cylinders and large scrap metal pieces. The Committee discussed contamination outreach.

Naud noted the County is moving forward with a Climate Plan, led by Andrew DeLeeuw. RRS will be working on that with a County Committee.

Simmons updated on the Master Composter graduation. There was a presentation from the Freeman Center for Environmental Education and there were five new graduates.

Old Business

Evaluation Follow up

Eggermont noted that with BPW approval of the program evaluations, the staff can begin looking into how to implement the recommendations and make an action plan for each program. The BPW would like more involvement in a Funding committee if formed. Eggermont is looking to create an ordinance preventing waste haulers from commingling trash and recycling. Eggermont proposed a new ordinance committee that can also review funding opportunities as part of the ordinance review.

Ohren added the evaluation process was started knowing there wasn't enough data to evaluate program outcomes, and most programs have identified shortcomings in relationship to metrics. He suggested reinvigorating the existing metrics to determine what metrics evaluate the impacts of our programs, and that policy and funding could be a third committee. Eggermont will follow up with the BPW, then move forward with creating the committee.

WRRMA Updates

Eggermont presented background information on WRRMA. Garramone presented the draft Grant Report from WRRMA's Recycling Quality Improvement Grant funded by The Recycling Partnership and EGLE. The grant used education and outreach as well as cart tags for contaminants over 8 weeks this summer to reduce contamination in WRRMA communities by from ~19% to ~11% - a 42% decrease. Garramone described the processes and logistics of the grant, educational and outreach components, and notable data and findings.

Sponsorship Updates

Garramone presented some recent smaller sponsorships that did not require committee review for approval since they are requesting less money than committee review requires. Bridgewater Township and Dexter Township are holding small clean up days, the Washtenaw Zero Waste Coalition requested

signage and supplies for the Trash Talk Tour, and the Ypsilanti District Library held an electronics recycling and paper shredding event.

Next Steps

Kayla noted a new Resource Recovery Manager will start on November 1st and may join the next PIAC meeting.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:40am. moved by Ohren, seconded by Weinert. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (Nov 23, 2021 13:50 EST)

Nancy Stone, Secretary

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