

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

11/22/21 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: Seegert

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present:

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Stone called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI.

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 Whitmore Lake, 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 not present.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of 10/25/21 Minutes

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

Reports and Updates

County Updates

Eggermont noted Mason is approved as a PIAC member. Mason introduced herself as the new Resource Recovery Manager at the City of Ann Arbor. Eggermont added membership renewals are complete.

Eggermont is presenting about single hauler processes with rural communities without recycling access. He also noted the City of Northville is suing Arbor Hills Landfill over contaminated leachate. Washtenaw County is working with the landfill to add a Home Toxics Center there.

WRRMA

WRRMA voted last week to approve the amended Articles of Incorporation, officially approving the City of Ann Arbor as a WRRMA member. After learning GFL is not recycling glass, WRRMA is requesting an official letter from them and statement to share with residents.

Member Updates

Williams updated the new WWRA truck is delayed, and the facility is preparing for Winter.

Naud detailed the County's climate plan outlines a commitment to carbon neutrality by 2030 for County operations and 2035 county-wide. RRS will be reviewing adaptation and mitigation strategies the County has direct control over and is looking to have draft recommendations to the County next Summer.

Weinert noted the EPA released a national recycling strategy on November 15th, America Recycles Day. Washtenaw County and RAA with TCL Electronics held a TV recycling day on November 20th, receiving 9 tons of televisions. He added the RAA MRF is continuing acceptance testing.

Subcommittee Updates

Stone recalled the education subcommittee discussed Zero Waste Event recommendations and invited Samuel McMullen, the co-developer of Live Zero Waste who presented on his organization.

Old Business

New Committee Discussions

Eggermont recounted that a major outcome of the evaluations was to create a funding committee. He thought an ordinance committee that also reviews funding could be combined. The Board of Public Works recommended having a joint committee both BPW and PIAC members. Eggermont is looking to create an ordinance that requires metrics and provides for fines and other impacts when haulers commingle trash and recycling. The committee may be better suited as a time-limited taskforce.

Ohren suggested reinvigorating the languishing metrics committee to review the metrics recommended by the program evaluation and noted we should pay special attention to what are the demands on county staff for supporting those efforts.

Simmons wondered if the committee could also look at how to overrule the plastic bag/packaging requirements that Stone mentioned Colorado was able to overturn. Stone will reach out to the MRC to see if they are reviewing it.

Williams left at 10 am.

For the new committee/taskforce, Smith and Maciejewski expressed interest as BPW members, as well as Stone and Naud. Ohren can participate in the metrics subcommittee. Stone and Naud expressed interest in ordinance and financing.

New Business

Meetings in 2022

Eggermont noted that the exemption for virtual public meetings will end at the end of the year. He is talking with legal counsel to inquire if PIAC can continue meeting remotely because PIAC is not a decision-making body. Ohren wondered about scheduling the first quarter meetings as virtual with contingencies for meeting in person at later quarters.

Eggermont asked if PIAC would be open to meeting every other month in 2022 to enable the subcommittees to have more dedicated time dedicated. Ohren noted it may affect sponsorship deadlines and suggested the deadline dates adjust to reflect bi-monthly meetings. Eggermont noted that for a proposal that needs to be expedited, a special meeting could be held as long as a quorum is able to meet.

Smith left at 10:15 am.

Sponsorship Outreach Discussion

Eggermont recalled the evaluation report recommended a themed year to focus sponsorship requests. The County would do additional targeted outreach and advertising for the theme. He suggested compost. Stone suggested youth education could target local camps, schools, and care centers. Eggermont noted there are plenty of sponsorship funds remaining, so the themed projects need not be prioritized. Stone suggested waiting to decide until next session. Simmons requested a map of where sponsorships are being fulfilled to see if a location-based targeting could be a possibility. Garramone has that map and can share it at the next meeting.

Next Steps

Next meeting : Dec 20th. Return to the meeting and sponsorship themes for more discussion.
Put membership renewals in the next packet

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am. moved by Simmons, seconded by Ohren. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (Dec 21, 2021 08:40 EST)
Nancy Stone, Secretary

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