

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

12/20/21 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: Ohren, Seegert

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present:

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

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

Public Comment

None

Roll Call

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

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

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

Ohren is not present.

Seegert is not present.

Simmons is present attending remotely from City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI.

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

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

Weinert 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.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of 11/15/21 Minutes

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

Reports and Updates

County Updates

Eggermont learned Ypsilanti Township received the EGLE recycling cart grant and a sponsorship request will be forthcoming for the January meeting. SEMCOG is coordinating a grant for planning and gathering metrics. Eggermont will plan on working with The City of Ann Arbor to submit for the third time an EGLE infrastructure grant for a replacement Drop Off Station. In addition, Eggermont will be submitting a NextCycle I2P3 application for single hauler contracting for the County's rural communities.

The County had a successful agricultural tire event and partnered with Washtenaw County Conservation District to fill two 53ft trailers of agricultural tires for recycling.

The Home Toxics Center will be switching some of its contractors to new vendors who will pay for the materials and may be able to begin accepting refrigerants. They are also working with a Graham

Sustainability Scholars group through the University of Michigan to learn about barriers to people using the Home Toxics Center. Stone requested notice when they will be presenting for those interested.

Naud added the County's Climate plan is making progress, they are hiring community ambassadors for County districts and are engaging local partners.

WRRMA

WRRMA passed the resolution to allow the City of Ann Arbor to join and will be filing the official paperwork, anticipated sometime in the new year.

Member Updates

Simmons noted an MLive article on the Old Farm Bureau noted it will become a recreational marijuana facility, it is a current brownfield site and so it will be cleaned up. He added Ypsilanti City Council voted to send their recycling to the new RAA MRF in the beginning of January. That means glass and milk cartons will be added back into the City's curbside mix.

The City of Ann Arbor announced year-round compost collection once a month between January-March. They are requesting it to be bagged in a bpi compostable bag or paper grocery bag to prevent the items from freezing in the carts.

The Ann Arbor MRF has begun full operations and they are looking at a public grand opening around Earth Day. Weinert believes the contamination level may be around 10%.

Williams added WWRA is still waiting for their new truck. He is working on a more permanent and efficient plastic bag and Styrofoam recycling solution.

Naud added the I2P3 – Intergovernmental Initiatives and Public-Private Partnerships - Nextcycle applications will be due January 7th.

Subcommittee Updates

Stone recalled the education subcommittee reviewed the WRRMA Recycling Quality Improvement Grant. Ohren presented the PIAC program evaluation summary focused on the education pieces.

Old Business

New Subcommittee Discussions

Eggermont noted PIAC previously discussed restarting the metrics committee and a "task force" for an ordinance that would include metrics for the County, have a funding component, and prevent commingling trash and recycling. He would also have staff join for meetings relevant to their programming. Ohren previously expressed interest, and Bukowski and Naud indicated interest.

2022 Meetings

Eggermont is getting clarification from corporate counsel if PIAC can continue to meet remotely. He asked if PIAC would be in favor of an every-other-month meeting schedule alternating between full committee meetings and subcommittee meetings. Simmons wondered if a person in multiple committees could continue to do so, and Stone asked if the education subcommittee could continue to meet as they have been. Eggermont clarified since the subcommittee meetings don't need to be posted, they have flexibility in scheduling.

Sponsorship Themes and Outreach

Eggermont noted that with EGLE sponsoring cart grants, he anticipates using most of the sponsorship money towards supporting those, so a few larger requests will be coming in the new year. Previous outreach themes discussed by the group included compost and youth education. Bukowski noted plastic bag/flexible film recovery, or reuse models. Simmons added regionalized outreach.

Garramone presented the equity reporting document to show the map of sponsorship locations and their spread throughout the County. Smith asked if PIAC could view sponsorship reporting documents to see the results from the end of each sponsorship or to know how they are progressing. Eggermont proposed at the 6- and 12-month mark of each year to compile all that information to share with the committee.

Stone wondered if the WWRA and WRRMA communities could be crosshatched on the map to have a better view of which locations have authorities. Garramone is working on a recycling hauler map that would fit well on.

New Business

2022 Meeting Dates

Motion to approve the proposed meeting dates as presented moved by Williams, seconded by Naud. Motion carries.

Next Steps

Naud wondered if there's an opportunity for this group at our next meeting to review and determine which parts of the solid waste plan should be elevated to the County's climate plan.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. moved by Williams, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (Jan 25, 2022 15:59 EST)
Nancy Stone, Secretary

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