

Washtenaw County Community Action Board

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

General Session/Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

1. Comm. Justin Hodge,
2. Danyelle Reynolds,
3. Jimmie Wilson
4. Mark McBride,
5. Mary Phillips-Smith,
6. Rhonda Weathers,
7. Alyshia Dyer
8. Comm. Ricky Jefferson
9. Jo Ann McCollum,
10. Linda Adams
11. Elizabeth Janovic

Members Absent:

1. Shoshana DeMaria,
2. Cherisa Allen,
3. Juanita House,
4. Linh Song

Staff Present: Teresa Gillotti, Morghan Williams Boydston, Caitlin Nagler

Staff Absent:

Guest:

I. Call to Order

- Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Welcome and Introductions

- Roll call of CAB board members

III. Public Comments

- No public comments at this time

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- A motion was made by Comm. Hodge to approve the Agenda. Motion supported by Rhonda.
- Roll call vote:
 1. Comm. Justin Hodge, yes
 2. Danyelle Reynolds, yes
 3. Jimmie Wilson, yes
 4. Mark McBride, yes
 5. Mary Phillips-Smith, yes
 6. Rhonda Weathers, yes

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7. Alyshia Dyer, yes
8. Comm. Ricky Jefferson, yes
9. Jo Ann McCollum, yes
10. Linda Adams, yes
11. Elizabeth Janovic, yes

- Motion carried.

V. **Approval of October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

- Motion made by Rhonda, supported by JoAnn.
- Roll Call vote:
 1. Comm. Justin Hodge, yes
 2. Danyelle Reynolds, yes
 3. Jimmie Wilson, yes
 4. Mark McBride, yes
 5. Mary Phillips-Smith, yes
 6. Rhonda Weathers, yes
 7. Alyshia Dyer, yes
 8. Comm. Ricky Jefferson, yes
 9. Jo Ann McCollum, yes
 10. Linda Adams, yes
 11. Elizabeth Janovic, yes
- Motion carried to approve meeting minutes.

VI. **CAB Bylaws Discussion / Approval (ACTION)**

- Changes to virtual meetings language, to align with Open Meetings Act
- Linda question, with covid case numbers going up, is there any discussion about another state of emergency in the future?
 - Comm. Hodge said, Commissioners would be open to it, but this is something the Michigan state legislature decided, this is their legislation. So reach out to your representatives if you want this law changed
- Alyshia, what if local jurisdictions have stricter rules?
 - Comm. Jefferson, this is still a state law, have to follow this policy
- Jimmie motion to approve, Danyelle seconded.
- Roll Call vote:
 1. Comm. Justin Hodge, yes
 2. Danyelle Reynolds, yes
 3. Jimmie Wilson, yes
 4. Mark McBride, yes
 5. Mary Phillips-Smith, yes
 6. Rhonda Weathers, yes
 7. Alyshia Dyer, yes
 8. Comm. Ricky Jefferson, yes
 9. Jo Ann McCollum, yes
 10. Linda Adams, yes

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11. Elizabeth Janovic, yes

- Motion carried to approve bylaws as amended.

VII. **Changes to In-Person Meetings in 2022**

- Morghan to discuss updates
- Plan to meet in person at OCED conference room. If CAB wants a larger meeting space for more social distancing, we could discuss that also.
- Elizabeth said, she is a little uncomfortable with the meetings in the conference room, would like a larger space; or some planning to allow for less people to be present, etc.
- Comm. Hodge, would LRC pose a transportation problem for anyone?
- Rhonda agrees with Elizabeth, would like more space for meeting in person, and LRC is on the bus route line
- Morghan said we will see what LRC schedule looks like
- Comm. Hodge, could we just schedule the 6 “required” minimum meetings for 2022?
- Caitlin said, maybe best to schedule all 9 now, and cancel later if we need to
- Danyelle wondering why the state is no longer willing to allow us the flexibility to use technology and meet remotely, what is the reason for this change?
- Comm. Hodge, seems like largely a political issue, political conflict in the state legislature
- Alyshia, for making meetings open to the public and accessible, can’t we consider Zoom a public meeting format?
- Comm. Jefferson, to be open to the public under the OMA, needs to in a public space, physical space
- Comm. Hodge, yes, to comply with OMA, needs to be physical meeting space
- Linda asked about mask requirements?
- Teresa, currently masks required in County buildings

VIII. **Approval of 2022 CAB Meeting Schedule (ACTION)**

- 9 scheduled meetings in 2022
- Elizabeth said, May meeting doesn’t work for her, that whole week.
 - Caitlin responded we can look at rescheduling that if we need to, if it ends up not working for more people
- Rhonda motion to approve, Elizabeth seconded.
- Roll Call vote:
 1. Comm. Justin Hodge, yes
 2. Danyelle Reynolds, yes
 3. Jimmie Wilson, yes
 4. Mark McBride, yes
 5. Mary Phillips-Smith, yes
 6. Rhonda Weathers, yes
 7. Alyshia Dyer, yes
 8. Comm. Ricky Jefferson, yes
 9. Jo Ann McCollum, yes
 10. Linda Adams, yes
 11. Elizabeth Janovic, yes

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- Motion carried to approve 2022 meeting schedule

IX. **CAB Member Appreciations**

- Three CAB members leaving at end of 2021: JoAnn, Shoshana, Linda
- Morghan said we appreciate the time and service of all 3 of these CAB members
 - To Linda, has been a short time on the CAB, but we've really appreciated your contribution
 - To JoAnn, served 2 terms as CAB Chair, has done a great job
- Teresa, CAB is one of favorite boards we staff, such diversity and community involvement
- Danyelle, appreciate Linda for participating on the subcommittee on bylaws formed, great contribution. And to JoAnn, loved working with her as Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Comm. Hodge, JoAnn, will probably keep working with you in other community work, glad that you'll get a little more free time, although still be busy. And Linda, its been really great to have Augusta Twp represented on the CAB, has not been represented on many county boards.
- JoAnn said CAB was one of her first boards/groups that connected her to other opportunities, has really enjoyed working on CAB, and will hopefully see everyone around in other capacities.
- Linda, definitely has enjoyed time on the CAB, wants her township to be represented in county boards; hopefully will be able to continue presence in community work as schedule allows in the future

X. **Board: New Business**

- Danyelle, we'll be returning to in-person meetings, is there any way to make it feel good and celebratory, (maybe not with food though); even though it's a little scary to be in person again
- Alyshia, likes that idea, wants to get to know everyone more, maybe we can plan something like that that still feels safe
- Danyelle, send her an email if anyone has ideas for things to do safely in person, for fun and to get to know everyone
- Morghan said she will likely not be in person at the January meeting, that is very close to her due date, will try to join remotely

XI. **CAB Member Discussion**

- Jimmie said Hope Clinic is giving away turkeys for Thanksgiving the next couple days (Wednesday and Thursday), so anyone we know who might need one, let them know
 - Dates and times: 10 am to 5 pm, Wednesday; and 10am to 6pm Thursday
- Morghan, another note about Hope Clinic—there will be a new diaper distribution program through BCAEO, and Hope Clinic will likely be a distributor for Washtenaw
- Rhonda, update on CERA, in community we've spent about \$10 million in CERA so far
- Morghan has numbers of people served in Washtenaw with CERA
 - 659 HAWC applications approved
 - All together over 3000 applications received

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- About 70 applications in payment process currently
- About 500 applications being reviewed currently
- Any denials are mostly due to duplicate applications

XII. **BOC Representative Report**

- Comm. Hodge, we had a community listening session recently, update on what county is doing; working on getting more of those scheduled
- Only BOC board meeting in December is December 1; tune into that meeting to learn what BOC is up to
- JoAnn, when/where are listening sessions?
 - Comm. Hodge said Peter (BOC comms manager) is working on schedule, that will be shared out soon; people will have 2 weeks notice
- Comm. Jefferson, working on the county budget, the BOC is working on it
 - Still working on ARPA allocations, how to use this funding in community; BOC will discuss at December meeting, not making any decision at this meeting
- JoAnn asked if people can't make it to listening sessions, how do they give feedback on ARPA?
 - Comm. Jefferson and Comm. Hodge said, have people contact their own Commissioner to give feedback/comments on how ARPA should be used
- Comm. Hodge said, looking for other ways for people to give feedback, an online feedback form or something like this

XIII. **Public Comment**

- No public comment at this time

XIV. **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.