

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Olsson at 5:05 PM.

2. Attendance

Councilmembers Present: Kris Olsson (Ann Arbor Township), Anne Brown (Ypsilanti), Jason Morgan (Ann Arbor), Sue Shink (Northfield Township), Lisa Wozniak (Ypsilanti), Andrew Comai (Ann Arbor), Teresa Tupacz (Pittsfield Township). Gay McGregor joined at 5:10, and Hallie Fox joined at 5:22,

Councilmembers Absent: Michelle Deatrick, Tim Redmond

Staff Present: Jason Fee, April Avigne, Andrew DeLeeuw

Others Present: Matt Naud, Resource Recycling Systems; Beth Gibbons, Climate Action Plan project team

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wozniak, Seconded Shink. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)

A. August 24, 2021

Moved by Morgan, Seconded Shink. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Citizen Participation:

Deon Davidson, an environmental justice organizer with Michigan United joined from Detroit. He indicated that he represented a statewide organization interested in understanding the work of other entities and how his organization could support that work.

6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation

Chair Olsson welcomed Mr. Davidson to the meeting.

7. Special Presentations

None.

8. Regular Business

A. Climate Action Plan – Community Engagement Discussion and Environmental Council Involvement

a. Project Overview and Involvement of Environmental Council.

The project team provided an overview of the planned community engagement process to be used to develop the climate action plan and indicated that they were interested in learning from the Environmental Council about the priorities and direction of the engagement. Councilmember Tupacz asked questions about the format, process, and tools to be used. Councilmember Fox referred to work previously done by the Council to plan for engagement with the public and suggested that these materials be reviewed and used by the project team. Councilmember Comai spoke to the breadth and capacity of organized labor as a means to support a climate plan, and the need to prepare for safe and appropriate working environments, and the opportunity to partner on training grants received by the United Auto Workers regarding flood preparedness and hazard mitigation.

The project team asked for suggestions for specific groups and individuals who should be contacted during outreach and engagement, and the Council requested that a shared spreadsheet could be created for easy and convenient review and input.

The Council discussed the ability to use this climate plan to consider broad engagement and mobilization across many different sectors and fields, and how to best engage a diverse community.

9. New Business

None.

10. Communications and Reports

A. Councilmembers

None.

B. Staff

None.

C. Committees

None

11. Tasks:

None.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM

Approved by the Environmental Council on November 23, 2021

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