

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

Tuesday, October 25th, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Olsson at 5:02 PM.

2. Attendance

Councilmembers:

Kris Olsson	Present	Ann Arbor Township
Gay MacGregor	Absent	-
Anne Brown	Present	Scio Township
Michelle Deatrick	Present	Superior Township
Virginia He	Absent	-
Jason Morgan	Present	City of Ann Arbor
Tim Redmond	Absent	-
Joet Reoma	Absent	-
Sue Shink	Absent	-
Theresa Tupacz	Present	City of Ann Arbor
Lisa Wozniak	Present	Ypsilanti City

Staff Present: Andrew DeLeeuw

Others Present: Andrew Comai

3. Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda was moved by Morgan and seconded by Deatrick. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. September 27, 2022

Approval of the September 27, 2022 minutes was moved by Morgan and seconded by Wozniak. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Citizen Participation:

None.

6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation

None.

7. Special Presentations

None.

8. Regular Business

a. Climate Action Plan –

Project Team Update

Andrew DeLeeuw gave an on the public comment period for the climate action plan. He described the how the public comment period had been communicated, the media coverage, the social media publicity, and the use of discussion sessions to review and discuss the plan with members of the public. There was discussion about the level of public participation and feedback offered on the plan.

Andrew DeLeeuw provided an overview of the proposed timelines for the environmental council to review and provide comment on the plan, and the timeline for consideration of the plan by the Board of Commissioners at their November 16th meeting. There was discussion about the challenges with the proposed timeline due to the very tight deadlines, and concern about sufficient time for WCEC members to review the plan. There was also discussion about the implications of further postponing a vote. Mr. DeLeeuw shared that he would look to share updated versions of documents with the council as quickly as possible, and that he would be following up through email with the full council with the specific dates and deliverables.

Councilmember Deatrick expressed concerns about the inclusion of offsets in the Climate Action Plan. There was discussion about the role of offsets in the plan, and Mr. DeLeeuw offered to have the plan updated to reflect that offsets were the last option the County would look to implement, and would seek to find alternatives to offsets to minimize their need over the time horizon of the plan. He encouraged that other feedback be shared as quickly as possible.

9. New Business

Andrew DeLeeuw reminded the council about the upcoming application period for reappointment, and also mentioned that the 2023 calendar would be developed and shared before the end of the year and please reach out to him with any questions.

10. Communications and Reports

A. Councilmembers

None

B. Staff

None

C. Committees

None

11. Tasks:

None.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was moved by Brown and seconded by Morgan. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Approved by the Environmental Council on _____

Minutes prepared by Andrew DeLeeuw,
Staff to the Environmental Council