

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

5:00PM - 6:30PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

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FEBRUARY FINAL MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 5:02 PM
- II. Attendance
 - a. Anne Brown, Mark Coryell, Michelle Deatruck, Gay MacGregor, Andrea Pierce, Tyler LaBerge, Alex Bryan, Benjamin VanGessel, Kris Olsson, Brian Geiringer, Yousef Rabhi, Lauren Sargent
 - b. Not present: Elizabeth Ratzloff, Annie Somerville
- III. Land Acknowledgement
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Moved: Gay MacGregor
 - b. Second: Ben VanGessel
 - c. Approved by: Unanimous acclamation
- V. Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Meeting
 - a. Moved by: Gay MacGregor
 - b. Second: Andrea Pierce
 - c. Approved by: Unanimous acclamation
- VI. Citizen Participation: (up to 4 minutes per speaker)
 - a. Council Responses to Citizen Participation
 - i. No public comment made
 - b. Acknowledgement of written Citizen Participation
 - i. No written comments made
- VII. Presentation by Sharon Popp, Barton Hills Village
 - a. KO: question and comments about to how support their efforts
 - b. MD: supportive of efforts
 - c. BVG: question about long term land use and pressures

- d. KO: comment about zoning and land use
- VIII. Presentation by Gay MacGregor, Council Member USEPA Ann Arbor: What It Does and How We Benefit”
 - a. BVG: comment about additional impacts
 - b. AB: comment about current updates of funding
 - c. BVG: comment about economic impacts
 - d. MC: comment on experience
 - e. MD: comment on AI
- IX. Other Guest Speakers
- X. Staff Reports
 - a. Acknowledgement of any Staff Reports and Communications
 - b. Beth Gibbons, County Resiliency Office Director - full written report in minutes
 - i. Staffing Updates
 - ii. Activities Update
 - 1. Hazard Mitigation Planning
 - 2. Department of Energy model codes and ordinances
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. BVG: question about DOE voucher program timeline
 - 2. AB: interest in internship and comment on resilience hubs
 - 3. BVG: question clarifying grant information shared
 - 4. YR: question to expand on resilience hubs
 - 5. MD: question about resilience hubs
 - 6. YR: additional comment and question about DOE voucher program
 - 7. MD: comment on resilience hub outreach
 - c. Jason Fee, Director of Facilities Management
 - i. Activities Update
 - 1. Acknowledge previous MHC member work in 2024
 - 2. Decarbonization study update
 - 3. Solar projects in county
 - 4. Update on EV charging project
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. YR: question about solar projects
 - 2. MD: invite Jason to report again in April; comment about EV charger project

- 3. YR: comment on EV charger project
- d. Other Staff Reports
- XI. Chair's Report and Proposals
 - a. Resolution to Recognize and Appreciate Federal Workers
 - i. Moved by: Lauren Sargent
 - ii. Second by: Kris Olsson
 - iii. Approved by: Voice vote
 - b. Discussion
 - i. YR: comment thanking EPA workers
 - ii. MD: comment expressing gratitude to federal workers
 - iii. LS: support and comment about federal employees
 - iv. YR: comment supporting resolution and further encouragement
 - c. Welcoming new Council members
 - d. Upcoming elections in March
 - e. Committee interests
 - i. Existing Committees: Planning Committee (Leadership - Chair, Vice Chairs, Immediate Past Chair or other), Outreach Committee, Advisory and Recommendations Committee.
 - f. Will ask for participation in May 4 Climate Teach-in
 - g. Call for information about upcoming events
 - i. BVG: question is there a list already
 - ii. AB: comment Sen. Peter's portal to submit Congressional funding is open
- XII. New Business
 - a. Communications and Reports
 - i. Councilmembers
 - 1. TL: request to do introductions at next meeting
 - ii. Staff
 - iii. Committees and Committee Reports
- XIII. Adjourn
 - a. 6:30 PM
 - i. Moved: Tyler LaBerge
 - ii. Second by: Kris Olsson
 - iii. Approved by: Unanimous acclamation

Next Meetings

Tuesday, March 25

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