



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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## Meeting Minutes

### CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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Marcelia Nicholson, Co-Chairs*

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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual

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#### Green Buildings Work Group

##### Join Zoom Meeting

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#### 1. Minute taker for this meeting. Following info to be recorded:

- Call to order time.
- Roll call
- Actions (with votes) if appropriate (including approval of prior meeting minutes)
- Appearances
- Adjournment time

*Call to order, roll call, minute taker; 10:06 A.M.*

*Present, 27, (including guests and visitors):*

*Pam Ritger (chair), Linda Frank, Anne White, Jennifer Evans, Jermaine Alexander,  
Celaneese Landon (technical difficulties and missed most of the meeting), Elizabeth  
Hittman, Kathleen Ellis, Maithilee Kanthi, Larry Kilmer, Ted Kraig, Kevin Kane, Michael  
Olen, Nathan Jurowski, Rob Zimmerman, Rock Ridolfi, Ted Wilinski, Victor Nino,  
Warren Jones, Yvonne McCaskill, Gordie Bennett, Akira Mabon; Korinne Haeffel,  
Erick Shambarger (project manager)*

*(10:12); Cara Walls (10:12); Kimya Green (10:15)*

Absent:  
Glen Radford, Jill McClellan, Joseph Peletis  
Guests  
Larry Hoffman  
Visitors  
None

**2. Approve meeting minutes from March 17th meeting.**

*Ted / Anne move; No objections; minutes approved*

**3. Request to provide feedback on development of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Action  
Plan: [www.milwaukee.gov/climate-talk](http://www.milwaukee.gov/climate-talk)**

*Jennifer asked all members to view the video platform; participate if desired; review guidelines from Ed/Outreach group that will be circulated; distribute to your contacts and report back to Ed/Outreach group*

*Erick says this is an opportunity for working group members to express their own big idea.*

*Jennifer emphasizes the objective to get input from diverse members of the community.*

**4. Overview of On-Bill Financing Idea from Kevin Kane**

*Kevin shared a video on "Pay As You Save" approaches to on-bill financing. He also shared a slide presentation.*

*This approach saves money for homeowner or tenant.*

*Rural electric and municipal utilities are leading, not investor-owned utilities.*

*Could our water utility offer such a program, if the electric utility is not willing to do so?*

*La Crosse is looking at adopting this model with the water utility.*

*It looks like there are no legal barriers in WI to this model.*

*Certain types of upgrades were identified as a good, feasible place to start.*

*Funding from the Biden administration could be sought.*

*As an alternative, private funds can be solicited for on-bill financing.*

*Green mortgages are available now; 12000 homeowners could benefit; it would not help tenants*

*Linda asked that the presentation be uploaded to the task force Google Drive and that Retrofits subgroup pursue it.*

*Erick suggests referral of the financing aspect to the Finance WG; Erick looked into the water utility proposal and concluded that it is highly preferable to get on-bill financing through the electric utility; a local credit union offers energy efficiency loans*

*Gordie raises a concern around transparency; improvements stay with the property and would be borne by a new owner or tenant and must be disclosed; care must be taken in terms of who makes the audit recommendations and that they don't have a conflict of interest*

*Jennifer reinforces the concern that the efficiency measures must be forward-looking, such as recommending electric appliances.*

*Larry Kilmer draws attention to other serious issues with the building condition that*

*would not be addressed by energy efficiency; these programs may not be appropriate to address those issues*

**5. Continue discussing existing and add policy/project ideas in Break-Out Rooms for Commercial Buildings, Residential Retrofits and Residential New Housing Strategies.**

*General discussion was held prior to dividing into subgroups for break-out discussions.*

**6. Report-out from Break-Out room discussions.**

*New Buildings by Erick – Bloomberg grant was submitted; the group discussed modular versus panelized housing; commercial opportunities considered; housing factory at 30th Street Corridor meeting is planned to explore this*

*Commercial by Victor and Korinne – energy codes at national and state level considered; latest standards should be adopted here; restrictions at the state level must be better understood; energy efficiency and affordability of efficiency concerns are not adequately considered in new codes; Erick wants info and suggests a subgroup pursuing this, along with Pam; USGBH, are they moving this forward? Per Korinne, they are not focused on WI because WI is not progressive on this; USGBH will respond to specific requests; a media push against efficiency has started and USGBH sees that it must respond; City could advocate for Evers to appoint a Council member with efficiency expertise*

*Residential retrofits, by Pam – Gordie presented on LIHEAP funding for energy assistance/weatherization; Celanese will be asked to give an overview of types of weatherization at next meeting; financial barriers to adopting electric heat pumps; concern about housing conditions that result in denials for weatherization; need for a one-stop-shop on housing resources for efficiency, lead, home repairs, etc. was identified*

**7. Future meeting agenda items.**

*Erick reports that ICLEI started modeling at high level without details on proposals that all the subgroups are working on  
Electrification to be addressed at 4/14 meeting*

**8. Adjourn.**

*11:32 A.M.  
Minutes provided by Pamela Ritger.*