



# 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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Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Co-Chairs*

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Monday, April 26, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual

#### Land Use, Urban Agriculture and Reforestation Work Group

##### Join Zoom Meeting

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##### Working Group Members (14)

Linda Frank, Chair

George Martin, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod, Dynasty Ceasar, Kelly Moore Brands, Monica Wauk Smith, Sam Leichtling, Scott Baran, Kimberly Kujoth, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe

#### 1. Call to order and roll call

*Working Group Members (14)*

*Linda Frank, Chair 11:07*

*George Martin, Monica Wauk Smith, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod, Dynasty Ceasar, Kelly Moore Brands, Sam Leichtling, Scott Baran, Kimberly Kujoth, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe*

*Present: Linda Frank, Chair (12 members present)*

*Janet Meissner Pritchard, Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod, Dynasty Ceasar (left*

12:00), Kelly Moore Brands, Sam Leichtling (left 12:00), Scott Baran, Kimberly Kujoth (left 12:00), Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe

*Absent: Excused: George Martin, Monica Wauk Smith (withdrawing)*

*Guests: Erick Shambarger (left 12:00)*

**2. Approve minutes of 4/12/21 meeting**

*On motion of Wiggins, the minutes were approved*

**3. Updates**

**a. New items in Google Drive document repository: Linda Frank**

**i. link to the folder**

**-<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aHuU64sJETOY75e3Gmr-FQTPpPJzgBbp?usp=sharing>**

**b. Temporary Delay of Video Survey outreach, per Jennifer Evans, Education and Outreach Working Group co-chair**

**a. New items in Google Drive document repository: Linda Frank reported that agendas and approved minutes to date are posted, as well as additional resources in the Land Use Links document**

**i. link to the folder**

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**b. Temporary Delay of Video Survey outreach, per Jennifer Evans, Education and Outreach Working Group co-chair – Shambarger stated that minor revisions to the video survey are being completed; Frank said she will circulate a template for use by members in circulating an invitation to the survey**

**4. General Discussion**

**a. Share ideas for proposing revisions to Item 3 of a preliminary proposal adopted by the Task Force, entitled “Bold American Rescue Plan Act Ideas for the City of Milwaukee”; Legistar file no. 191923 (Rafael’s 5 Recommendations). Topics to be explored include:**

**i. Reducing impermeable surfaces**

**ii. Encouraging landscaping with biodiverse trees and plants**

**iii. Replacing grass on City lots with alternative groundcover**

**a. Share ideas for proposing revisions to Item 3 of a preliminary proposal adopted by the Task Force, entitled “Bold American Rescue Plan Act Ideas for the City of Milwaukee”; Legistar file no. 191923 (Rafael’s 5 Recommendations).**

*Frank shared a draft revision to Item 3*

*The draft proposal makes a budget request for several projects. One is the Green Lots program which assists commercial lot owners with de-paving sections of parking lots and installing landscaping or green infrastructure in accordance with the Landscaping Guide. A second request is to supplement funding for the Green Infrastructure Plan which adds green infrastructure to City streets, alleys and schoolyards. A third request is to fund the purchase of locally-produced compost.*

*Feedback on Frank’s draft was shared. As to the ARP process, Shambarger stated*

*that a City Budget order request form is being created; ECO will prepare a request; the ECO request will adopt/incorporate some or all of the Task Force recommendations, in addition to a separate submission on behalf of the Task Force*

*Ad hoc committee to work on preparing a revised proposal to be presented at the next meeting:*

**5. Breakout Room Team Discussions**

- a. Team meetings
- i. Biodiversity and Soil Health
- ii. Tree Canopy
- iii. Urban Ag / Community-Led Green Space
- b. Report back on Breakout Room discussions
  - a. Team meetings
    - i. Biodiversity and Soil Health (Brands, Riebe, Staedter, Frank)
  - ii. Tree Canopy (Pritchard, Kujoth, Baran, Weingrod)
  - iii. Urban Ag / Community-Led Green Space (Wiggins, McKay)

*b. Report back on Breakout Room discussions*  
*Biodiversity Team - Brands reported on an idea to see if Cream City Farms could be reinvigorated as a native plants nursery. This idea was referred to the Urban Ag Team. Also, the team is looking at prioritizing native species in landscaping recommendations and tree canopy selection. This idea would also involve the Tree Canopy Team.*

*Tree Canopy Team – Pritchard reported on a discussion of City versus County projects and funds; City would focus on the 40% tree canopy goal; County can incentivize plantings on private land; County has opportunity for trees on boulevards, as well as bioswales, despite complications for mowing.*

*Urban Ag Team – McKay and Wiggins reported a discussion of food miles and impact on emissions; a study shows the impact could be small relative to things like choice of diet; the team determined not to move forward on emissions impacts but will work on equity considerations; they will reach out to Dynasty who was not present; Wiggins will pursue the native plants idea for Cream City Farms and inquire as to what the farmer needs in order to be successful*

**6. Action Items and Next Steps**

- a. Items for next agenda
- b. Next regular meeting, 5/10/21 at 11:00 AM
  - a. Items for next agenda – revised Item 3 proposal to be presented
  - b. Next regular meeting, 5/10/21 at 11:00 AM

**7. Adjournment**

*On motion of Wiggins and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm  
Minutes provided by Linda Frank.*

