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Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

**Ald. Nik Kovac and Sup. Supreme Moore Omokunde,
Co-Chairs**

**August Ball, Pam Fendt, Julie Kersick, Ted Kraig, Ayanna Lee,
George Martin, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Barbara Richards,
Pamela Ritger, Erick Shambarger and Rafael Smith**

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Friday, January 31, 2020

3:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Introduction of members.

*Meeting convened: 3:08 P.M. (recording begun at 3:15 due to technical difficulties)
Members present: Sup. Supreme Moore Omokunde, Pam Fendt, Julie Kersick, Ted
Kraig, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Barbara Richards, Pamela Ritger, Rafael Smith and
Erick Shambarger
Members excused: Ald. Nik Kovac, Ayanna Lee, August Ball and George Martin*

2. Review and approval of the minutes of the January 13th meeting.

*Mrs. Kersick moved, seconded by Ms. Fendt, for approval of the minutes. There were
no objections.*

3. Presentation by Keith Reopelle on the process of creating Dane County's Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Reopelle presented on the Dane County Climate Action Plan. Dane County created a Climate Council with 38 diverse organizations to attain stakeholder representation. They created 10 work groups composed of 10 experts in each area, with members from the larger Council on the work groups. There were 6 guiding principles (Justice & equity, Economic benefits, Health benefits, Resiliency, Bridging the rural-urban divide and Ecosystem benefits). They used deep decarbonization as the roadmap to how to create their goals. There are also Advanced Building Guidelines for commercial buildings as the state prohibited municipalities from creating commercial building codes. They also created "Clean Energy Districts", which could be as small as a neighborhood, if the area has achieved or almost achieved 3 defined goals.

Ms. Ritger asked how Dane County decided which 38 organizations were involved. The Climate Council recruited organizations to participate as it wasn't well-known. The main decision maker was the County Executive. The Council is disbanded and done, but the work groups still exist and are tasked with implementing the recommendations in conjunction with staff. Staff drafted the work group recommendations and then received edits from the work group members. They also used asterisks in the

document to note dissent by some members to a recommendation. The county needs the support of the municipalities to achieve the report's goals.

4. Update from the work groups and creation of any needed work groups

Mr. Shambarger said he wanted to expand the scope of the Emissions Work Group to include greenhouse gas reduction strategies. The Environmental Collaboration Office will be working with ICL and Milwaukee County to put together an emissions inventory. Ms Richards would like to have a vulnerability assessment done so would like to have an expanded vulnerability assessment committee. She is thinking of vulnerability to natural disasters, like the one the lakefront just experienced. Mr. Shambarger is willing to add the vulnerability assessment done in 2014 to the file. Mr. Kraig said that the earliest students could work on a vulnerability assessment would be in the fall. Ms. Linda Frank and Mr. Kraig met with Professor Riley at UWM and he said that some students could do a study, with his oversight. Mr. Shambarger said the DPW and SEWRPC put together an annual report to FEMA on response to natural disasters. Ms. Kersick noted that it's hard to corral volunteers for another work group. Ms. Fendt asked that the plan Mr. Shambarger mentioned would be added to the file and that she wouldn't add this work load to an existing work group or create a new one. Ms. Richards will review the existing documents and note any other work that needs to be done.

Mr. Smith said that the Jobs and Equity work group met 3 times this month and created 4 bullet points that it wished to address as part of a mission statement and purpose with a deadline of Feb. 20th to have all research done. There will focus on weatherization, renewal energies and water.

Sup. Moore Omokunde said that the Education and Outreach work group is using the template for his report.

Ms. Richards said that the Emissions action plan the purpose, process and outcome will be forthcoming for their work group and for the whole group. They will be bringing forward the emergency declaration and there will be breakout sessions and will be reaching out to the community. Sup. Moore Omokunde asked who will be presenting to the community - will it be each work group or will it be Education and Outreach that does it in conjunction with the another work group. For community meetings, the work groups are looking at the NAACP modules. Ms. Frank would like public events to be interrelated.

Asst. City Attorney Peter Block appeared to answer questions from work group members as to how they can function to accomplish what they need to do while still meeting open meetings laws. The staff assistant can add the link to to the file and also notice the existance of the links.

Ms. Meissner Pritchard said the finance group met twice and a solar file was discussed at the next Council cycle re. a solar array on a city-owned landfill by the airport.

Ms. Frank suggested a future work group on policies. She added a summary from the Environmental Law Institute on deep decarbonization.

5. Discussion on format and deadlines for the preliminary report.

Mr. Luke Knapp, Legislative Reference Bureau, came to the table. He can create the draft report for the Task Force once he receives the draft reports from each work group. Mr. Smith supported having a deadline of Feb. 20th for work groups to submit their drafts to the Legislative Reference Bureau. The work groups needs to keep in mind of what can be accomplished in the time that is allotted. This is a preliminary report that might only document what is currently happening and that may add great value, Ms. Kersick said. Ms. Meissner Pritchard would like recommendations as to

what the follow-up should be and who should be doing that follow-up. The staff assistant recommended making the report fairly short, read-able and also able to be broken down into resolutions for adoption.

The task force will e-mail the draft reports to Luke Knapp by February 21st.

Mr. Kraig would also like the report to include comprehensively what needs to be done.

Ms. Meissner Pritchard noted that there is information we don't want to lose, but we also need a brief report, possibly 8-12 pages.

6. Public comment.

There were no members of the public who wished to comment.

7. Set next meeting date and agenda.

Week of Feb. 10th - staff assistant will be contact members about availability.

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Communication relating to the final report and activities of the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Meeting adjourned: 5:22 P.M.

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