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Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

*Ald. Nik Kovac and
Marcelia Nicholson, Co-Chairs*

*Bialk Tha Hlawn, Pam Fendt, Linda Frank, Julie Kerksick, Ted
Kraig, George Martin, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Supreme
Moore Omokunde, Pamela Ritger, Erick Shambarger, and
Rafael Smith*

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2:30 PM

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1. Roll Call.

Meeting convened: 2:37 P.M.

*Members present: George Martin (chairing), , Erick Shambarger, Ted Kraig, Julie
Kerksick, Linda Frank, Pam Fendt, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Pam Ritger and Rafael
Smith*

Members excused: Nik Kovac, Bialk Tha Hlawn and August Ball

2. Review and approval of the Feb. 3rd meeting.

*Ms. Frank moved, seconded by Ms. Kerksick, for approval of the minutes. There were
no objections.*

3. Appearance by city Intergovernmental Relations staff and discussion of the federal stimulus bill funding.

*Mr. Jim Bohl said there are two proposals by Pres. Biden - one \$1.9 trillion plan for
COVID relief, which is currently quickly moving through Congress. \$160 billion is for
the national vaccination effort and \$50 billion for testing of school kids and in senior
facilities among other programs. The Biden administration has committed to \$1,400*

for most Americans who have fallen under income levels as well as increasing federal unemployment benefits, extending eviction and foreclosure moratoriums, PPE and modifications to schools, public transit funding, increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2024 (which might be removed in the senate or compromised to a lower amount possibly due to arcane rules relating to budget reconciliation), nutrition programs and funding for child care centers and grants to small businesses. The big provision is state and local direct relief with total aid of \$350 billion for states, counties and cities; \$130 billion being set aside for local governments (\$65 billion each to the county and to the city). The house is pushing for funding based upon community development grant funding vs. the senate is pushing for funding either based upon population or upon how a city was affected by COVID. The house version would let cities use these funds to replace lost revenue. A bipartisan deal appears to be dead. There will likely be a compromise on several key provisions, including the \$15 minimum wage and possibly a change to the plan that was approved by the house on Friday. The real emphasis with the Biden administration is to tie infrastructure spending to climate changes and will include broadband, clean water, surface transportation, mass transit, agriculture conservation and environmental justice. The benefits of climate change will be used to benefit communities that have been most impacted by pollution. The Intergovernmental Relations Division did create a city-wide wish list of 200 shovel-ready projects.

Ms. Shambarger submitted a number of projects relating to issues raised by this task force in very broad terms. Mr. Bohl noted that the budget office and the Common Council will be involved on how any federal money that is received will be spent; at this point in time, the house version provides for almost exclusive flexibility for local communities. There will be a meeting with budget office on Monday and Mr. Bohl will see if the list of projects can be shared and he will share if he can. Mr. Shambarger will share what he submitted. Mr. Gordie Bennett said task force members should contact the county board if they wish to provide recommendations on how county funds should be spent. Ms. Frank said the most important thing is what members need to be on top of and being aware of opportunities to get in front of the Council or the County Board.

Superior Murphy, a citizen, asked about details on \$5 billion on homeless funding, but details aren't available at this time right now. She can contact Ms. Elmer who will forward her contact information to Mr. Bohl.

4. Update from the work groups and add/remove members.

Mr. Kraig said the Transportation and Mobility Work Group met for a second time and will create sub-groups. He moved to add Dan Devine to the Transportation and Mobility Work Group. There were no objections.

Ms. Frank said there will be break-out rooms and sub-groups as well for her work group.

Mr. Wiggins said the Waste and Sustainable Consumption Group wanted to know how many recommendations each work group create as one, large recommendation was suggested be created by the Task Force.

Ms. Pritchard said the Finance Work Group has had 2 meetings and they have begun brainstorming.

Ms. Frank - Land Use Group - remove Dana Kelly and add Venice Williams and Enrique Figueroa. There were no objections.

Ms. Ritger, Green Buildings Work Group, said there are 38 members and she needs to update her spreadsheet. They did vote on going forward with the new housing strategy with the Bloomberg challenge.

Greening the Grid met and settled on a couple ways to get more renewables on the

grid.

Mr. Martin said the Education and Outreach Work Group created a Google document last January and there is a tight time frame to set up a platform for public commentary for Tank Brain - filming needs to be done the end of this month. He is asking for members to comment back on sections and respond back by Saturday as Education and Outreach is meeting on Monday. The schedule is on the end of an e-mail Mr. Martin sent out yesterday. Ms. Frank asked what the video is for - to get public engagement or to get information out to the public? Mr. Shambarger said it will be useful to get an idea of what the themes are resonating with people and will be useful in knowing what themes to emphasize when writing the plan. Mr. Wiggins asked who will be interviewed? Mr. Shambarger said it will be blasted out on social media and the city web site in the hopes of capturing a broad array of people. Mr. Shambarger said the hope is to get 100-200 responses while Mr. Wiggins hoped to get a variety of persons responding. Brain Tank will try to find some impactful videos. Ms. Frank also asked what the name of the plan should be - should be that decided now? Mr. Shambarger suggested doing the name in the final stage.

Mr. Shambarger said large meetings could be handled via break-out rooms rather than sub-groups and he would also recommend Slido as a way of polling work group members.

5. Update on status of the County Board member.

Rep. Moore Omokunde said that he spoke with the county chair and there are two members interested in serving and she will whittle that down to one individual.

6. Discussion on the Governor's Task Force on Climate Change recommendations and integrating them into the work group reports.

This will hopefully discussed at the work group level and also be on the next task force agenda.

Ms. Elmer requested to have on the next agenda, with the City Attorney's Office present, discussion on Google documents, Google folders, how work group documents and working documents will be available to the public, recording of meetings and general administration of the work groups.

Meeting adjourned: 4:27 P.M.

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