



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
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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, May 10, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual

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#### Land Use Work Group

##### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7807475204?pwd=bHo3d2ROdDJRT2VrRUNaS2xsdDhyUT09>

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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

*Linda Frank, Chair*

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Kimberly Kujoth, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe*

*Present: (10 members present) - Linda Frank, Chair*

*Janet Meissner Pritchard, Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod, Sam Leichtling, Scott  
Baran, Kimberly Kujoth, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe*

*Absent: Excused: Kelly Moore Brands, George Martin, Monica Wauk Smith  
(withdrawing) Dynasty Ceasar*

*Guests: Erick Shambarger, project manager  
Visitor: Anthony Wells, WFB HS student*

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

*11:04 am*

**2. Approve minutes of 4/26/21 meeting**

*Weingrod moved to approve; with no objections, minutes were approved*

**3. Announcements**

- a. Items in Google Drive document repository**
- b. Education and Outreach Working Group update – virtual education and listening session with community leaders on June 10; Kickoff Event with the public later in June**
- c. Land Use Working Group revised version of Item 3, “Bold American Rescue Plan Act Ideas for the City of Milwaukee”**
- d. Timeline – Plan Framework to be submitted to local leaders, December 2021**
- e. Breakout Room notes to be shared with teams and not included in meeting minutes**

- a. Reminder of items in Google Drive document repository*
- b. Education and Outreach Working Group update – virtual education and listening session with community leaders on June 10; Kickoff Event with the public later in June; Video survey is ready for us to promote; Frank will send invitation letter, etc. to group members today*
- c. Land Use Working Group revised version of Item 3, “Bold American Rescue Plan Act Ideas for the City of Milwaukee”*

*Frank shared the Item 3 revision as drafted by an ad hoc committee of Frank, Shambarger, Pritchard, Staedter and Priebe. Shambarger noted that a separate ECO submission was made last Friday and includes funding requests for green infrastructure and other items that overlap with the Land Use proposal; he noted that a “tree planning corps” program may be needed; he noted that City departments were cautioned not to propose permanent public workforce additions and the Task Force should be mindful of this as well; Bloomberg; GI; Shambarger will share a summary of the ECO submission with the Task Force*

*Leichtling noted that a Department of City Development request has also been submitted and includes the review and update of the zoning code on parking minimums, etc.*

*Wiggins commented that working groups should not feel limited to what is being supported by executive branch.*

*Weinberg talked with Task Force member Pam Fendt re the \$700 million ARP allocation to MPS; HVAC is being prioritized, as well as some consideration of green infrastructure*

*Some minor modifications to the Item 3 proposal were requested – Wiggins requested that health issues such as asthma and heat island effect be included; Weingrod requested that potential areas for expanded tree cover and landscaping be broadened to all City and County public lands.*

*Wiggins moved for the Land Use group to support the ARP revised Item 3 proposal with the slight modifications requested; motion was unanimously approved.*

*d. Timeline – Plan Framework to be submitted to local leaders, December 2021*

*Shambarger added that he is presenting another template to the Task Force this Wednesday; this will not affect our current work based on the original working group template; he is preparing a proposed chapter outline of the major topics; might depart from current names of the working groups; chapter on trees and soil to be included, greening and restoring the land; reducing vehicle miles traveled; electrification of transportation; urban agriculture, etc.; working groups should plan on a big background section for each chapter; including a description of existing plans; he urges us to get our outline done soon in order to provide concrete information for presentation at public meetings*

*Shambarger noted that the main land use projects for the task force report are expected to be topics that the Tree Canopy Team is working on – expanding tree cover, de-paving, Green Lots and Green Infrastructure.*

*e. Breakout Room notes to be shared with teams and not included in meeting minutes*

#### **4. General Discussion**

##### **a. Discuss emerging policy and project ideas and work to be accomplished in team meetings**

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*Frank recommended that teams incorporate ARP items into our group's task force proposal, i.e. de-paving; Green Lots; GI; forestry apprenticeships; she suggested some items of focus for the teams*

- *Tree canopy*
  - o *Determine capacity to plant & maintain trees; timeline for 40%*
  - o *Mapping of target areas of low density*
  - o *Pilot program for private landowners*
  - o *De-paving; assessment of opportunities; project areas – strip malls; targeted reduction of hardscape, i.e. 10%*
- *Urban Ag*
  - o *Cream City Farms reinvigorated*
  - o *Local food projects - community gardens, farmers markets; supermarkets?*
- *Biodiversity*
  - o *Plant biodiversity; not tree canopy*
  - o *Soil health*

*Riebe suggested that the term “green canopy” be used in place of “tree canopy” to include shrubs and perennials*

*Wiggins noted the ongoing negotiations with respect to Cream City Farms that appear to make it inappropriate for the task force to address it at this time*

*Shambarger requested that working groups accomplish in the next month a 60% solid idea, with as much definition as possible, of what is going into their proposal; complete the templates for this*

**5. Breakout Room Team Discussions**

**a. Team meetings – prepare updated templates; identify needed information**

**i. Biodiversity and Soil Health**

**ii. Tree Canopy**

**iii. Urban Ag / Community-Led Green Space**

**b. Report back on Breakout Room discussions**

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*i. Biodiversity and Soil Health*

*Frank reported that 3 broad categories were identified – preserve and protect lands, restore, and reclaim. The team primarily discussed the protect and preserve topic – implementing SEWRPC land acquisition recommendations, exploring a Menomonee River overlay, adopting growth management principles and protecting County Grounds from development*

*ii. Tree Canopy*

*Kujoth reported on the 40% tree canopy goal with sub-goals like policies, implementation, different property owners; identifying several strategies to get there; targeting private properties and modeling with Focus on Energy as a model; a third-party administrator included; financial assistance; private contractors selected for the work with species parameters; right tree in the right place; education campaign; funding to be explored*

*iii. Urban Ag / Community-Led Green Space*

*McKay reported a focus on equity related to regional food system plan*

**6. Action Items and Next Steps**

**a. Items for next agenda**

**b. Next meeting**

*a. Items for next agenda – none noted*

*b. Next meeting – May 24*

**7. Adjournment**

*McKay moved and with no objections, meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm*