



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Co-Chairs*

*Pam Fendt, Linda Frank, Julie Kerkisick, Ted Kraig, Janet
Meissner Pritchard, Supreme Moore Omokunde, Pamela
Ritger, Erick Shambarger, Rafael Smith, and Freida Webb*

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Wednesday, April 28, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual

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

1. Call to order, roll call, minute taker; 10:06

Present, 28, (including guests and visitors):

*Pam Ritger (chair), Linda Frank, Ted Kraig, Kevin Kane, Cara Walls, Elizabeth
Hittman*

*Amanda Schienebeck, Glen Radford, Gordie Bennett, Jennifer Evans, Jill McClellan,
Kathleen Ellis, Joseph Peletis, Maithilee Kanthi, Larry Kilmer (DCD), Michael Olen,
Renee Clair, Rock Ridolfi, Ted Wilinski, Victor Nino, Yvonne McCaskill (left 10:44),
Warren Jones, Jermaine Alexander, Kimya Green, Rob Zimmerman, Joseph Peletis,
Erick Shambarger (project manager); Korinne Haeffel (10:15)*

Absent:

Anne White, Celaneese Landon, Nathan Jurowski, Akira Mabon

Guests

Larry Hoffman

Visitors

None

2. **Approve meeting minutes from April 14th meeting.**
3. **Discuss timeline for narrowing policy and project proposals to seek feedback from community members.**

Ritger gave an update on putting the Outreach briefly on hold

Shambarger announced a Preliminary Proposal approved at the latest task force meeting for American Rescue Plan funds; we can refine that

Evans said that Education/Outreach will meet on Monday and will contact the us after that with a timeline for participating in outreach

Shambarger suggested topics for teams to address in breakout rooms

4. **Discuss Building Codes Update at the state level and potential additions to statement from the Commercial Buildings sub-group.**
5. **Continue discussing policy/project ideas in Break-Out Rooms for Commercial Buildings, Residential Retrofits and Residential New Housing Strategies.**

The three subgroups met and then reported back to the full working group

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

Retrofits - Ritger shared that Item 1 of ARP proposal was discussed; Plan B on that proposal will be our refinement which will be to bill for energy efficiency through the water utility in lieu of the electric and gas utility bill; follow up will be done with Pritchard and with director of Milwaukee Water Works; another element is expanding green mortgages and making sure that the term is at least 15 years; weatherization will be defined in terms of what improvements are included; economics of building electrification discussed; rebate programs to be highlighted; deferred home repair process will be explored

Commercial – McClellan reported that Ellis presented on benchmarking; Energy Star software is free and can be used for benchmarking; professional sports teams to be approached; Shambarger says only large buildings, 25000 square feet minimum, are being modeled for benchmarking – disclosure of electric and gas usage, how much per square foot; City is setting up for successful mandatory benchmarking by addressing its own buildings; Better Buildings Challenge was intended to recruit amenable businesses to promote mandatory benchmarking; people don't change what they don't measure per Ellis – Chicago, San Francisco and others have passed this; City has collected its Energy Star data; County is working on it; this is to be used for City leading the way

City's draft letter on new Commercial Building Code recommendations was reviewed

and some modifications made; it is to be presented to the task force for approval, then shared with Local Government Climate Coalition and possibly other groups and leaders, perhaps including Governor Evers; recommendation to adopt the most recent energy code - history is that last minute amendments will be proposed to ratchet it down based on weather challenges; the team proposes getting ahead of this, pointing out benefits to building owners of the new code, not watered down; Council member recruitment should include an expectation that the member be an advocate for energy conservation; some of our members are suggested for Council – Nino and McClellan, as well as Dave Madsen

New Buildings by Shambarger – affordability of installation and maintenance of different heating and cooling systems was explored, with a concern that maintenance be affordable for low income residents; backup sources considered; modular homes and aging in place/accessibility was considered, such as no basement and few stairs in the design

7. Future meeting agenda items.

*Shambarger wants to know more about the retrofit programs currently in place
McClellan had a request on how to weave equity into commercial recommendations
Kraig brought up new property developments, esp. those requiring public support and new policies needed to address this, as urged by Hoffman; Hoffman stresses community engagement during the approval process for property developments and advocating for project modifications*

8. Adjourn.

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