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Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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Wednesday, August 4, 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) Minute taker for this meeting, Linda Frank. Following info to be recorded:

- Call to order time, 10:05
- Roll call (21 attendees) - Pamela Ritger, chair; Glen Radford, Kevin Kane, Ted Wilinski, Anne White, Erick Shambarger, Dan Kalkman, Linda Frank, Jermaine Alexander, Jill McClellan, Kathleen Ellis, Michael Olen, Renee Clair, Rock Ridolfi, Victor Nino, Ted Kraig, Korinne Haefel; Jennifer Evans, Cara Walls
- Guest: Tara Brown, Institute for Market Transformation, IMT, speaker
- Visitor: Irene
- Actions (with votes) if appropriate (including approval of prior meeting minutes)

- *Appearances*
- *Adjournment time*

2. Approve minutes from 6.23.21 Green Buildings Work Group meeting.

On motion of White and no objections, the minutes were approved.

3. Presentation from the Institute for Market Transformation on Commercial Benchmarking and Building Performance Standards.

Benchmarking is critical because 30% of building energy is wasted and only 2% in improvements are typically occurring; Indianapolis passed benchmarking last month, Columbus 1 ½ years ago; benchmarking info is put into a system that provides nationwide comparison; this is critical for seeing the issue; wasted energy is wasted money; transparency is a key component; provides info for potential tenants to consider and info for utilities and municipalities to consider in developing programs; start by creating a task force of stakeholders to discuss policy considerations; City or community members can initiate the process; City staff usually leads the task force; an outside person might come on as a facilitator; after policy is passed, task force can address implementation; the utility is critical to providing necessary energy data; building data such as ownership and management must be gathered and kept up to date; one person per 1000 buildings is needed for running the system; \$20,000 estimate of cost for setup for managing the system in house; consultant is another option; Building Performance Standards, BPS, can be set, to apply during a retrofit or remodel; this is a good policy to go hand in hand with benchmarking; see NYC as a model; includes decarbonization; Colorado and Boston have recently passed such policies; certain performance metrics are recommended; trajectory approach is recommended – long-term goals and interim standards; Community Priorities Policy Toolkit is available

Discussion – Benchmarking comes first; gather a few years of data in order to set a policy goal for BPS; opposition that has been raised includes worry about an extra administrative burden, need for services and support – make sure this is built into the system; worries about being shamed, but this has not played out in terms of tenants leaving when the energy data comes out; Step One is to state Benchmarking as a priority for the City; next, assign it to the right leader, i.e. to the commission, to lead feedback sessions; see Columbus example with different topics for each session; advisory group does not have to give a thumbs up or down but gives input; can propose how the policy will be developed; ask for feedback; start putting together the advisory group; have a question for them to answer; City of Madison attempted to pass a benchmarking ordinance some 5 years ago and it failed; address the fear that more requirements in Milwaukee will lead to fleeing to the suburbs; find out what the failures were in Madison; propose 3-5 meetings to develop a policy, then take feedback on the policy; identify a champion from Common Council from the beginning; consider metrics and other considerations that can be a starting point – speaker will send these; usually 1-2% annual improvement is the goal; use a comparable city for a policy and performance model; model ordinance is available; the momentum is growing across the country; slides, considerations, will be shared

4. Review/discuss community feedback and public events.

Shambarger reported that the mayor's ARPA proposal, first phase, includes funding for

weatherization of households in qualified census tracts; to be taken up by the Common Council in September; major investment in housing expected; lead abatement, weatherization, health, asthma all to be incorporated into a program; Green and Healthy Homes of Baltimore participated in recent meetings; they submitted a proposal; SDC is also interested, and Dept. of State; the energy efficiency program can be discussed in more depth at next meeting per Ritger, along with edited version of Green Box (In Rem); Medicaid funding can be pursued in relation to asthma risks; National Renewable Energy sent a report on heat pumps – see it in the Drive

Events – Passive Housing theme for an event - Shambarger suggests high level public events that address all of the TF proposals and later events that go into detail on specific proposals; Shambarger suggests the timing should be based on when we have details on what the buildings would look like and answers to specific questions that residents are expected to raise; this might be in September; Residential Retrofits – possible tour of a home to be weatherized, such as with ME2; video crew was to submit a proposal but they need the scope from Shambarger; show what an energy audit looks like; Kane has a suggested resident with successful weatherization in Sherman Park; Garden Homes are being gut rehabbed by 30th Street Corridor and could provide a subject to be highlighted for an event; landlord roundtable has been suggested in discussion with Kane and Celanese; Evans pointed to an immediate need for the Green Buildings WG to submit questions for the public to be placed on our Social Pinpoint webpage; Ritger will send draft questions by email to the WG; see Overview and Planning grid in Education/Outreach folder; consider technical questions and subjective questions; Ritger will start a list of potential stakeholders for Benchmarking and upload it to the Shared Drive

5. Discuss Green and Healthy Homes Initiative.

See above.

6. Review updates on draft policy and project recommendations.

Tabled to next meeting on August 18

7. Suggestions of future meeting agenda items.

Alexander notes that workforce development must go hand in hand with the initiatives so that a workforce is available.

8. Adjourn.

*Adjourn at 11:29 am
Minutes provided by Pam Ritger.*