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Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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

*Pam Fendt, Linda Frank, Julie Kerksick, Ted Kraig, Janet
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Ritger, Erick Shambarger, Rafael Smith, and Freida Webb*

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2:30 PM

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1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 2:35 P.M.

Roll call: Nik Kovac, Julie Kerksick, Marciela Nicholson, Ted Kraig, Pam Fendt, Linda Frank, Erick Shambarger, Supreme Moore Omokunde, Janet Pritchard, Pam Fendt , Pam Ritger and Rafael Smith (arriving at 2:55 P.M.)

Member excused: Freida Webb

2. Review and approval of the minutes of August 4th.

Ms. Frank moved to amend the minutes Under Jobs and Equity section, Phase II includes green jobs in manufacturing and working with training providers.

List Mr. Ted Kraig as present.

Under item 6 - analysis of CAMQ grant and EDA grant (not EPA grant). By Erick Shambarger

Ms. Frank moved to approve as amended, seconded by Ms. Ritger. There were no objections.

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

Jobs and Equity WG - Mr. Shambarger said the group hasn't met formally, but there was a meeting yesterday about the need to build clean energy jobs. The goal is to make Century City tower a recruitment site and create pathways to connect people to direct training or longer-training partners. A suggestion was to partner more with the community-led organizations to recruit more people of color. They are working to get these opportunities out to the community as much as possible, by working with Maximus and Employ Milwaukee.

Education and Outreach - Ms. Jennifer Evans said a public survey is posted for 4 of the Big Ideas and she is creating a brochure to be used at particular events. There was the event at the Black Historical Museum yesterday that Mr. Shambarger mentioned as part of his report. There was also a table at Fondy Market and about 45 people were met; tables will also be at other events.

Green Buildings - Ms. Ritger said that Mr. Gordie Bennett will be withdrawing from this group due to additional job duties. The city hired the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, out of Baltimore, which works on coordinating energy efficiency and lead removal. They are working with them and the Health Dept. to put together a comprehensive program to build capacity so if/when funding comes, they are ready to go. Ms. Fendt said one of her priorities is to get people of color into these jobs. Ms. Fendt is excited that this will be addressed holistically, rather than piecemeal through various programs. Ald. Kovac said this needs to be figured out so we don't lose two years of funding. Ms. Ritger does think there will be a push for private funding, not solely using ARPA funds. For the next agenda, an item on Infrastructure Bill funding in addition to ARPA funds (Mr. Knapp will investigate this). Ald. Kovac would like to get a valid number of how many houses need to be remediated so public or private funding could be sought. Once again, how much work does the city pay for on the behalf of landlords?

Finance - they will resume meetings in September and will connect with the other work groups relating to their funding.

Transportation and Mobility - Mr. Ted Kraig said they are working through the five sets of proposals and have worked through two of them so far.

Waste and Sustainability - Ms. Pritchard said there was outreach at the Fondy Market.

Land Use - Ms. Frank moved to add Bridget Brown and Dulmini Jayawarda as members. There were no objections. Any county member would be very welcome. Mr. George Martin will serve as he can, but he is busy in the mornings due to medical treatment.

Adaptation and Climate - Ms. Ritger has been in touch with Walnut Way about its big idea of Resiliency Ambassadors who are local residents. They have a number of good recommendations in a variety of areas, but are still working on storm water recommendations due to natural extremes (heat, flooding, etc.) Someone will be presenting to them on ideas for storm water infrastructure. The Land Use WG is also looking at storm water management and green infrastructure so will need to meet about overlap.

Greening the Grid - The group hasn't met but Mr. Shambarger met with WE Energies relating to large-scale renewable energy projects and WE Energies thought it was a workable proposal. They might be willing to put it forth in their next rate case in the spring of 2022. A future item might be creating a tariff for renewable energy.

4. Next steps to draft plan document.

Mr. Erick Shambarger said he wants to get a sense from the group when writing can begin on this document. At what point do we bring on professional consultants and begin work on a document? How will a firm be selected? Mr. Kraig said they should have gone through all proposals by early October, so mid-late October should be

realistic. Ms. Frank said Land Use hadn't met in the summer and has questions about how much detail is needed. Mr. Shambarger wouldn't be able to hire a consultant by the end of the year and needs to have funding to hire a consultant. Tomorrow's Finance and Personnel Committee meeting is for communication, not for action items. Mr. Shambarger is fine with the work groups working through October, a PowerPoint presented at the end of the year and a consultant hired in 2022. Mr. Shambarger would like the 10 Big Ideas to be publicized to Council and County members. Ms. Ritger thought that the middle/end of October would work for her work groups. Mr. Shambarger would like the chapter guides used, as would Ms. Fendt, to present to the consultants.

Ms. Frank asked when the Task Force will be updating its funding requests from the original five.

There was discussion about members' thoughts on requesting funding and how funding allocations will be handled. Mr. Shambarger said that the funding requests should be aligned with the 10 Big Ideas and this could be re-visited at a future meeting.

Ms. Ritger would like to see a future item on both tariffs with WE Energies, as well as a future climate plan with WE Energies and doing more on the electric vehicle front.

Meeting adjourned: 4:02 P.M.

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