



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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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, October 11, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual

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#### Nature in the City

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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*Present: Linda Frank, Chair*

*Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod, Dynasty Ceasar, Kelly Moore Brands, Scott Baran,  
Kimberly Kujoth, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe, Bridget Brown,*

*Dulmini Jayawardana, Janet Meissner Pritchard 11:11*

*Excused: Sam Leichtling*

*Other Absences:*

*Guests/Visitors: Erick Shambarger, Nadia Vogt (MMSD, senior project manager), Joel E. Dietl (SEWRPC, chief land use planner), Jess Haven (Groundwork MKE, outreach and organizing director on climate safe neighborhoods), Kim Forbeck (UEC, manager of land stewardship), Jeremiah T. D. (community members)*

**1. Call to order, assign notetaker and roll call**

*1. Call to order at 11:05, assign notetaker Linda Frank and roll call – with 12 members present (and Pritchard joining later), a quorum was reached.*

**2. Approve minutes of 5/24/21, 6/7/21, 6/21/21 and 9/13/21 meetings**

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

**3. Announcements**

- a. Items in Google Drive document repository**
- b. Education and Outreach/Nature in the City public events update**
- c. Status of ARPA funding**

- a. Items in Google Drive document repository*
- b. Education and Outreach/Nature in the City public events update – volunteers did tabling and collected surveys at 4 events, with one more event scheduled at Westlawn on 10/16 with volunteers David, Bruce, Linda and Bridget*
- c. Status of ARPA funding*
  - i. Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic conducted a town hall supporting trees in the city*
  - ii. List of proposals by Common Council members not yet published but should be soon*
  - iii. Finance Committee to vote on Oct. 15*
- 4. Upcoming events - Open House for County NW side trail connections; Celebrating Green & Healthy Schools on Wed. at 1:00*
- 5. Presentation by Nadia Vogt of MMSD – Greater Milwaukee Watershed Reforestation Program (See Shared Drive for Program Overview and Map)*
  - a. Goal of 6 million trees, 4,000 acres wetland enhancements & reforestation*
  - b. Greater MKE watersheds*
  - c. Map was shared; this goes outside their service area*
  - d. 2022 program framework; includes workforce development; land, funding & expertise needed*
  - e. Core project team has been built*
  - f. 3 subgroups – urban, suburban, rural*
  - g. Urban = City of Milwaukee*
  - h. Plantings to start fall 2022*
  - i. 600,000 trees per year generally*
  - j. She needs from our working group advice on land, funding, context*
  - i. UEC and Groundwork MKE can offer their expertise*
  - ii. Geospatial analysis started on the northside for flooding issues*
  - iii. Weingrod suggested carbon trading for funding*
  - iv. Citizen involvement – see Resilience Plan; engage residents in meaningful decision-making; awards were won for this Plan*

- v. *Public and private land to be included*
- vi. *Input needed by end of year per Shambarger; our projects should be aligned*
- vii. *National level funding is sought*
- viii. *Maintenance and engagement are stressed by Pritchard, as per MWC plan*
- ix. *Workforce development resources – Northcott, state arborist apprenticeship; Jobs & Equity group*
- x. *Wetland restoration/enhancement aspect involves creating a functioning wetland and making wetlands work better*
- xi. *A suggestion was made that the Reforestation Program include planting of shrubs, hedges and native perennials in addition to trees*
- 6. *Joel Dietl, SEWRPC Presentation (See Shared Drive for slide show)*
  - a. *Overview of environmental corridors – slide show shared*
  - b. *Environmental Corridors include primary environmental corridors, secondary environmental corridors, and isolated natural resource areas*
  - c. *Connectivity is a key feature*
  - d. *Natural Areas are often located within environmental corridors; protection and acquisition recommendations are in the Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habit Protection and Management Plan (this will be addressed next meeting)*
  - e. *Grasslands and Forest Interiors are also addressed in the regional plan*
  - f. *Updates are done every 5 years to environmental corridor mapping*
  - g. *In sanitary sewer service areas for public sewage treatment plants – policies adhered to by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Safety and Professional services prohibit or otherwise limit the extension of sanitary sewers to serve development in certain environmentally sensitive areas identified in the sewer service area plans*
  - h. *See Google Drive for the corridors map*
  - i. *Environmental corridors include the best remaining elements of the natural resource base*
  - j. *Saving woodlands protects habitat, moderates soil erosion, etc.*
  - k. *SEWRPC is not a regulatory agency; they provide recommendations, suggestions and guidelines*
  - l. *Sanitary sewer service area plans must be prepared for areas tributary to public sewage treatment plants*
  - m. *2006 SEWRPC guidelines are used by many developers and local communities*
  - n. *SEWRPC does comprehensive plans, parkland plans, etc. for local governments*
  - o. *DNR policies establish where development is prohibited*
  - p. *Voluntary vs. regulatory (safety, etc.)*
    - i. *There is good protection through public sewer service area plans; lowland areas; NR121*
    - ii. *Clean Water Act also applies but it is vague; protections are spelled out more by the state*
    - iii. *Upland is not as well protected – local government must establish these protections such as through purchase and zoning*
    - iv. *City of Franklin model; Dietl previously worked there; see natural resource regulations in Franklin Code; multiple approaches such as mapping for site plans; deed restrictions, conservation easements, etc. required and landscaping requirements*
    - v. *Overlapping layers of protection are advisable*
    - vi. *Conservation easements are effective*
    - vii. *All of County is in the MMSD service area and lowland portions of environmental corridors are well protected from sewered development by State regulations*
    - viii. *Natural Areas presentation for next meeting will be by Tom Slawski*
    - ix. *Tree planting is generally ok in corridors; if related to sewered development, DNR has regulatory authority over it; SEWRPC makes a recommendation*

**4. Reports on progress of Chapter Template drafting**

*Tabled.*

**5. Sharing of Feedback from the community**

*Tabled.*

**6. Action Items and Next Steps**

**a. Items for next agenda**

**b. Next meeting**

*a. Items for next agenda*

*b. Next meeting*

**7. Adjournment**

*12:36.*

*Minutes provided by Linda Frank.*