



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*

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Monday, November 8, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual

Nature in the City

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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Working Group Members (15)

Linda Frank, Chair

**Janet Meissner Pritchard, Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod, Dynasty Ceasar, Kelly Moore
Brands, Sam Leichtling, Scott Baran, Kimberly Kujoth, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay,
Katherine Riebe, Tracy Staedter, Dulmini Jayawardana, Jess Haven**

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Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe, Bridget Brown, Dulmini Jayawardana, Jess Haven*

*Present: Linda Frank, Chair, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Dynasty Ceasar, Kelly Moore
Brands, Scott Baran, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe, Bridget
Brown, Jess Haven, Bruce Wiggins, David Weingrod 11:08; Dulmini Jayawardana*

11:11

Excused: Sam Leichtling, Kimberly Kujoth

Other Absences:

Guests/Visitors: LaMont Smith (The Nature Conservancy, Milwaukee program manager), Akira Mabon (Public Allies)

1. Call to order, assign notetaker and roll call

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

2. Approve minutes of 10/25/21

on motion of Brands, seconded by Weingrod, and no objections, the minutes were approved with revisions suggested by McKay as to the presentation by SEWRPC.

3. Announcements

- a. Items in Google Drive document repository**
- b. New Community Engagement Website**
- c. Work group timeline and remaining meetings**

a. Items in Google Drive document repository

b. New Community Engagement Website

Everyone was asked to send it out

c. Work group timeline and remaining meetings

Final meetings will be held on 11/22 and 12/6, with an additional meeting possibly held on 12/20

4. Discussion and Possible Vote on a Green Amendment Recommendation

Frank presented her research on the Green Amendments Movement and her suggestion that a Green amendment be supported in the Nature in the City proposal. There was general support for a state constitutional green amendment guaranteeing rights to a healthy environment, including clean air and water, a stable climate, and the preservation of natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of the environment. However, the consensus was that the issue is more appropriate for the task force as a whole and that the recommending should not be included in the Nature in the City proposal. Several alternative approaches were suggested for moving the idea forward - It could be presented to the Wisconsin Local Government Climate group, WLGCC, or that the ECO Office, the City and the County could declare support for it.

5. Reports on progress of Chapter Template drafting

Protecting Existing Natural Lands

Riebe noted that McKay will do edits of her draft.

Ben's version will be completed early next week

Several other areas for land protection can be added

Natural areas report acquisition recommendations will be referenced with a possible recommendation that the acquisitions be completed by 2030; can use maps in lieu of listing all the parcels

*County staff is bringing their suggestions to SEWRPC
A revised draft will be sent to Frank*

Green Lots

Staedter requests ideas for the metrics and work force sections of the proposal

Metrics

How do we prioritize the tree equity score and Strategic Neighborhood Area? We want to consider the High Energy Burden areas as well, as identified in the Sierra Club report, analyzed by census tract; is it a matter of eligibility or could a % of the funding, i.e., 50%, be targeted to those neighborhoods? Perhaps resilience ambassadors could help but they would work with households most likely

Workforce development

The suggestion is to describe types of jobs to be created such as the de-paving, landscaping, GI and arborists

Trees

Pritchard explained that she will work on it this week and will share the draft with Frank for distribution

Natural Gardens? Should we leave it out

After discussion, the consensus was to write a separate Natural Gardens proposal to be included in the chapter as a Secondary Strategy

The MMSD rain garden program could be a model

Native lawns at residences were discussed

Other models are Hwy 100 & Burleigh; MMSD projects; Hartung Park initiated by a Friends group

Master Garden volunteers could potentially be engaged

Consider a paragraph or two esp. for private residences

Frank will write a draft, with possible help from Jayawardana

Green Infrastructure/Schoolyards

Brown's draft was discussed

She will connect with Justin Hegarty, head of Reflo, for feedback

Ideas were sought for Metrics - how about outcomes like eco-literacy? Or, should we just measure # of schools served?

Workforce has been addressed somewhat in the draft

She will work on pointing out the connection of the Schoolyards program to the GI Plan

Send any comments to Brown and Frank

6. Sharing of Feedback from the community

a. Report on Nature in the City Survey Responses, Part 2

b. Other feedback

a. Report on Nature in the City Survey Responses, Part 2

Frank shared here analysis of Comments submitted with completed Nature in the City surveys. A high number of comments addressed decreasing atmospheric greenhouse gases and other environmental concerns and stressed the need for academic and community education and outreach on these topics. Attractive, neat and litter-free neighborhoods were a popular concern. Also popular, was the idea of replacing paved areas with native plants and trees and keeping them well maintained.

b. Other feedback - None

7. Action Items and Next Steps

a. Items for next agenda

b. Next meetings 11/22 and 12/6

a. Items for next agenda – Non mentioned

b. Next meetings 11/22 and 12/6, 12/20 tentative

8. Adjournment

on motion of McKay, seconded by Riebe, and no objections, at 12:45.

Minutes provided by Linda Frank.