City of Milwaukee



200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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

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Monday, December 6, 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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Present: Linda Frank, Chair Janet Meissner Pritchard 11:11, Bruce Wiggins 11:05, David Weingrod, Kelly Moore Brands, Sam Leichtling, Scott Baran, Tracy Staedter, Benjamin McKay, Katherine Riebe, Bridget Brown, Dulmini Jayawardana 11:08, Jess Haven, LaMont Smith Excused: None Other Absences: Dynasty Ceasar Guests/Visitors: Erick Shambarger 11:45; kane. M (J.T.)

1. Call to order, assign notetaker and roll call

1. Call to order, 11:04 assign notetaker Linda Frank and roll call – with 11 members present, a quorum was achieved (3 additional members joined later)

2. Approve minutes of 11/22/21

on motion of Weingrod, seconded by Staedter, and no objections, the minutes were approved.

3. Announcements

- a. Items in Google Drive document repository
- b. Community Engagement Website and Education/Outreach Update
- c. Work group timeline and remaining meetings
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4. Reports, Discussion and Possible Vote on Chapter Template draft

A discussion was held with regards to Version 5 of the Chapter Template which combined the various Nature in the City proposals into one document. It was noted that Brands submitted suggested edits which will be reviewed for inclusion in the proposal. For Protecting Lands, some clarification will be made concerning the number of parcels recommended for acquisition. The document will be reviewed for opportunities to involve the County in the proposals or to recognize examples from suburban communities, with respect to green schoolyards, Green-Cooling Lots and other sections of the proposal. The Tree Canopy proposal will be enhanced to make the case for restoring adequate funding for City Forestry and County Parks, as well as identifying county parks and boulevards and other public lands as potential locations for expanding tree canopy. The Tree Canopy proposal could also include a statement clarifying whether private or public lands, or both, would be the potential subjects of community-led planning for trees. On the Green-Cooling Lots proposal, further research will be done on the feasibility of imposing a new or increased fee on parking lot owners to incentivize de-paving. The document as a whole will be reviewed for insertion of references as needed.

Motion by Frank, seconded by Riebe, with a third endorsement by Wiggins, for approval of the Nature in the City proposal as set forth in Version 5, with final revisions to be completed by Staedter and Frank as discussed in today's meeting, was passed with no objections.

Gratitude was expressed to all members of the work group for their valuable contributions, with special thanks to Katherine Riebe, Ben McKay, Bridget Brown, Tracy Staedter and Janet Pritchard for writing the individual proposal drafts, to Tracy Staedter for editing the drafts and writing up the full proposal, and to Linda Frank for her leadership of this group.

5. Sharing of Feedback from the community

Frank announced that final survey results, including online submissions entered after the last outdoor events, are posted in the Drive.

6. Action Items and Next Steps

- a. Items for next agenda
- b. Possible next meeting
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b. Possible next meeting – no further meetings until the group will be invited to reconvene in the spring for review of the completed Climate and Equity Plan draft

7. Adjournment

Adjournment at 12:29 pm Minutes provided by Linda Frank