



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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Ritger, Erick Shambarger, Rafael Smith, and Freida Webb*

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10:00 AM

Virtual

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#### Green Buildings Work Group

##### Join Zoom Meeting

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*Attendance (12 members): Erick Shambarger (acting chair in absence of Pam  
Ritger), Linda Frank, Glen Radford, Cara Walls, Dan, Elizabeth Ward, Jennifer Evans,  
Kathleen Ellis, Rock Ridolfi, Victor Nino, Jermaine Alexander - Sherman Park  
Community Association; Freida Webb - NAACP (10:20)*

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
2. Approve minutes from 8.4.21 Green Buildings Work Group meeting.

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

**3. Update on partnership with the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative**

*Shambarger - Health Dept. reached out to him on combining lead abatement and efficiency work and had recommended Green & Healthy Homes of Baltimore, [Greenandhealthyhomes.org](http://Greenandhealthyhomes.org); ; ECO and Health Dept. each paid \$5,000 on the contract with Green & Healthy Homes; they are providing a report today; we anticipate guidance on being successful with rental situations (homeownership rate is only 40% in high energy burden neighborhoods); asthma, pest infestations and mold are health issues that are not being adequately identifies and addressed; coordination of various homes programs will be a challenge*

*Focus on Energy could provide some of the funding per Radford; there are 2 programs, one is income-based and the other provides rebates regardless of income; however, ECO had a collaboration between ME2 and Focus but participation was not high possibly due to barriers like income verification barrier, paperwork and waiting for approval Alexander has been running a home improvement program for the last 10 years – he cites barriers such as ownership/titling issues, the income eligibility is unduly low, insurance which may demand that a roof be replaced, as a result, about 50% are turned down*

**4. Update on ARPA funding for energy efficiency and clean energy jobs**

*The mayor's Stronger Summer \$96 Million ARPA proposal includes \$5 M energy efficiency program and \$2.7M green jobs workforce development initiative, items which came about due to the TF work*

*Slido poll was conducted on details of the home energy efficiency program*

*About 80% want both owner-occupied and rental properties to be covered  
Discussion: loans for "responsible landlords" could be explored; homeowners may be more invested in the property; consider a higher % allocation to homeowners; landlord could be required to contribute a portion of the money; still, we do need to provide ways for tenants to benefit; consider the impact on landlords of the moratorium on evictions; City should monitor building maintenance*

*Prioritizing recipients - High lead levels with children under 6 (although, often the children are spending much time at the grandparents' home) – 56%, retirees and disabled – 33%, first come first served – 11%*

*Discussion: Strong coordination between weatherization and asthma has been found by EPA and reported in a recent article and has been found in the schools as well – weatherization and ventilation must be combined although the fan will require energy, still resulting in a sizeable reduction in energy and positive impacts on asthma and lead; elderly have challenges with property tax increases on a fixed income; Coggs and Stamper are looking into expanding a displacement fund for owner-occupied residents; a suggestion is that Lead abatement and elderly and disabled both be prioritized; We want to reach those in between the low-income weatherization program and ME2*

*There did not seem to be a real consensus on this question of establishing priorities.*

*\*\*\*Neighborhood Assn partnerships will be important*

*Income eligibility or not? Our Task Force ARPA recommendation stated that high burden census tracts would qualify w/o income eligibility*

*What improvements should be covered?*

*Heat pumps would be very expensive and take up a lot of the funding; Ellis suggested prioritizing items like insulation, air sealing, ventilation plus health and safety first; later the upgrades in heating and cooling could come*

*Type of financial assistance – Grants, 63%; cost-share, about 35%; deferred loan repaid at point of sale, about 15%; zero interest loan, not selected*

*Discussion: How about cost-share for landlords, grant for homeowners?*

*Contractor selection - “City selects” was preferred over “customer selects”*

*Discussion: There are pre-qualifications for City contractors and these can apply to customer selection as well; contractors have problems when City pays at project completion and they don’t have up front funds for materials, etc.; look for contractors in the city*

5. Update on Commercial Buildings recommendations

*Haefel reported on the progress of the Code Council; the Council is to be completing their review of recommendations in November; one year then to write the code language; unknown which committee this will go to then; next, the residential code council will begin work; when recommendations get to the legislature, some contractors groups and builders groups will lobby in opposition to the changes; no lobbying group is specifically dedicated to lobbying in favor; what about ASHRAE? Most conversations up to this point have been supportive; objections will come at a later stage; WI Local Governments Climate Coalition (WLGCC) submitted a statement of support; getting positive media coverage could be the best strategy; Midwest Decarbonization Coalition has been approached but it’s too early to say if they will be involved*

6. Suggestions of future meeting agenda items.

*Tabled.*

7. Adjourn.

*Adjourned at 11:30 am on motion of Hittman.  
Minutes provided by Pam Ritger.*