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# **City of Milwaukee**

200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

## **Meeting Minutes**

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

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Monday, September 20, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual

## **Education and Outreach Work Group**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Notetaker: TBD

- 1. Call to Order
  - a. Roll Call: Names will be taken from the Participant list
  - b. Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2021

Call to Order 11:05PM

a. Roll Call:

Present: Dynasty Caesar, Jennifer Evans, Farah Issa, Mandi McAlister, Supreme

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Omokunde, Christopher Piszczek, Erick Shambarger, Bruce Wiggins

Absent: Maithilee Kanthi, Akira Mabon, Rafael Smith Excused: Pam Ritger, Linda Frank (arrived at 12:20)

Visitor: Alexis McAdams

b. Minutes from August 9, 2021, approved as written

- 2. Progress Review
  - a. Update by Teams
  - b. Event Evaluations
  - c. Media Packets quick overview

Evans reviewed the Progress Report by Teams and Event Evaluations, which were sent out prior to

the meeting. She noted that Outreach (as distinct from marketing) is an area for improvement.

Only 12 people attended the Green Jobs Event, despite good press coverage. The group discussed the purpose of outreach efforts. Shambarger expressed his concern for creating

general public awareness of the planning process. He indicated that the end goal is to strengthen

our case to the Common Council and have the plan adopted. Omokunde noted that we want

citizens to be informed and mobilized around the theme of climate justice.

Caesar offered another perspective, indicating that some people are not making the connection

between climate change and social justice. She gave an example of a resident wanting the city trees

cut down. Caesar would like to offer additional information to the NSP Liaisons within the next two

weeks. She addressed Shambarger's concern that general education will take a long time and slow

down the process.

Evans supports this effort, emphasizing the need to reach diverse communities and tailor our

messaging to the needs and concerns of each audience. Caesar agreed to work with Evans on

developing this messaging. Shambarger referenced Action for the Climate Emergency, formerly

Alliance for Climate Education as a possible resource.

### 3. Events Planning

#### a. Goals and Timeline

b. Updates- Event Leads

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<b>Evans: Residential Efficiency</b>
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Frank: Land Use
Kanthi: Resilience Ambassadors
McAlister: Commercial Buildings
Omokunde: Green Jobs Session II
Shambarger: Greening the Grid, Passive Houses, etc.
Wiggins: Waste (additional sessions?)

#### c. Tabling Update - Piszczek

Goals and Timeline

Shambarger indicated that the Work Groups should have most of their proposals completed by

mid-October, with a PowerPoint presentation ready to submit to the Common Council in

December.

Evans asked for guidance on a reasonable goal for the number of people reached both

through

direct contact and general promotion. There was no decision. She also asked for two volunteers

to work with Caesar and Piszczek to create a workable outreach plan. McAlister and Omokunde

volunteered. The group will hold a brainstorming session to identify community partners who

can help with outreach.

- b. Updates- Event Leads
- Residential Efficiency: Evans has talked to Kevin Kane and Celanese.
- Transportation: Evans and Kraig tabled at the Promise Zone Bike Ride, reached 40 people

and 15 surveys collected; the Event Team is researching partners for additional events.

 Land Use: Evans reported that this group will be tabling at Plazita Verde and at Mitchell

Street School.

- Resilience Ambassadors (Kanthi): no report
- Commercial Buildings: Ritger sent recent email indicating this is on hold.
- Green Jobs Session II: As part of our Outreach Brainstorming session, the Outreach team

will consider partners for this event; Shambarger noted that Julie Kersick is conducting an

event at the Italian Community Center we should look into.

• Greening the Grid and Passive Houses: Shambarger doesn't feel a need for an event on

Greening the Grid; He is giving presentations on the Passive Homes project. Evans would

like to see a public event for the latter and Erick is okay with that if someone can pull it

together.

- Waste: Wiggins will reach out to his Work Group to see if they would like to table again.
- c. Tabling Update

The Tabling Spreadsheet was reviewed. A Tip Sheet is in the draft stages. We are tracking the

number of contacts, flyers distributed, and surveys submitted. Success is correlated less with the

amount of time than with the ability of volunteers to actively approach participants. Piszczek and Wiggins agreed to table depending on availability. We are finding it a challenge to

find volunteers. Shambarger indicated we may be able to pay someone to table. Evans will reach

out to Mabon and work with Shambarter to determine available funds, etc.

Schambarger has secured a tablet for use at tabling, but it does not have internet access.

Piszczek recommended working with area organizations and businesses to acquire giveaways.

They need to be of substantive value and related to the topic, as was the \$40 storage set given

away at Fondy Market.

4. Next regular meeting: 11:00 AM October 4, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm

Minutes provided by Jennifer Evans

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