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Meeting Minutes

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3:30 PM

Virtual

Waste and Sustainable Consumption Work Group

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1. Approve Minutes of last (Oct. 4) meeting.

*Working Group Members (6)
Bruce Wiggins and Erick Shambarger, Co-Chairs
Rob Zimmerman, Kurt Baehmann, Samantha Longshore, James Jedibudiah*

*Attendance:
Bruce Wiggins and Erick Shambarger, Co-Chairs
Rob Zimmerman, Samantha Longshore, James Jedibudiah*

Guest: Samson Srok from Groundwork MKE

Wiggins called the meeting to order at 3:37. Jedibudiah took notes, will send to Wiggins for review. With 5 members present, a quorum was reached.

Minutes of 10/4/2021 meeting: On motion by Zimmerman, with no objections, the 10/4/21 minutes were approved as written. In the future, Wiggins will notify the group when draft minutes are in the Google Drive.

2. Work for the remainder of 2021

Products: Template and Slide show

Refinement of Draft Template

Review slides

Review of Shared Google Drive and documents

Possible inclusion of new work group persons as members or consultants

Wiggins introduced Srok, food specialist for Groundwork MKE. Following introductions, Srok discussed his work teaching gardening classes, overseeing community gardens, and gleaning (fruit and produce rescue) in 4 zip codes now with the "Fresh Food Connect" app. Results include (summer of 2021) 497 lbs of vegetables rescued, 960 lbs of fruit picked from trees around the city. The fruit and produce are donated to small neighborhood food pantries. A crucial challenge is being sure a pantry can use the fresh food. Srok stated there is a need in Milwaukee to develop food justice and a connection to nature/gardening. He shared the "Kinder & Less Just" thesis he uses for training and recommended we talk with Meg Kilkenny re. work of the gleaning coalition.

Wiggins and Shambarger indicated the goal is now to complete the chapter template by Dec. 1 and also prepare 2-3 slides highlighting key points. Shambarger said he aims to do a slideshow with all the work groups' big ideas to the Common Council before the end of the year, to get Council buy-in, then write the final plan in 2022. Regarding the purpose of the secondary strategies, Shambarger said they allow work groups to include ideas but allow concentration on the one big idea. Regarding inclusion of budgets, Shambarger said that inclusion of budgets and implementation agency responsibilities will facilitate implementation. The more realistic the plan (big idea) with a budget and an implementation plan, the less likely it will sit on a shelf.

Longshore reviewed the draft template. Longshore cited DNR's 2021 Waste Characterization study as a good source of data updating the 2009 study upon which ICLEI's estimates for solid waste GHG emissions were based. Statewide data is included along with regional breakdowns. For the first time, DNR named food waste as a category, so this data is very useful for our plan. The full report is on the DNR website. Discussion re. how to present this and other waste data in our template.

Longshore shared her experience tabling and conducting surveys at a Tuesday Fondy Farmers Market. She talked with 40 people, and got surveys filled out by 11. The #1 most selected reason to reduce food waste was to save money on food purchases. In a ranking of important actions to take related to food waste, opportunities for restaurant diversion and public education were the highest. Discussion re. additional input or responses, members thought to put the survey on ECO websites. Additional live tabling and surveying was not thought to be a good use of our time. We all thanked Longshore for her time and effort tabling!

Longshore presented the slides she drafted. She will email them to the group and Wiggins will put them in the shared drive.

Action Items:

Jedibudiah to contact Closed Loop Partners, City of Madison, Milwaukee Bucks, and MCFI and report back to group

Zimmerman will review document and make suggestions to group

Wiggins will contact ICLEI and report back

Longshore will wait for further input, as she already drafted documents and slides

3. Adjourn

Wiggins adjourned the meeting at 5:11pm