



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

CITY-COUNTY TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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

*Pam Fendt, Linda Frank, Julie Kerkick, Ted Kraig, Janet
Meissner Pritchard, Supreme Moore Omokunde, Pamela
Ritger, Erick Shambarger, Rafael Smith, and Freida Webb*

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2:30 PM

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1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 2:36 P.M.

*Members present: Rafael Smith, Linda Frank, Erick Shambarger, Nik Kovac, Janet
Meissner Pritchard, Ted Kraig, Pamela Ritger, Julie Kerkick, Pam Fendt and Freida
Webb*

Members excused: Marcelia Nicholson and Supreme Moore Omokunde

2. Review and approval of the minutes of December 1st.

*Ms. Kerkick moved, seconded by Ms. Fendt, for approval of the minutes. There were
no objections.*

3. Discussion on the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) 2021 City Clean Energy Scorecard.

*Mr. Kraig said there is an annual scorecard done by ACEEE and it rates 100 cities
along a number of metrics relating to climate and equity and it is the only thing that he
has seen that measures a city's progress that combines climate and equity*

components. Milwaukee rates in the middle at 53. It seems a useful way to measure how we are doing. Is there a way to tie our goals to this scorecard and make it our goal to move up on this scorecard? The rated elements do seem reasonable to what we are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Shambarger agrees with Mr. Kraig that it's a reasonable metric and the consultant is being tasked with looking at the ACEEE metrics. Mr. Shambarger didn't return their survey, which would have resulted in 5-10 more points. Many of the things in the scorecard have barriers at the state level. The CCTFCEE has also been doing a lot of outreach efforts so that will result in almost all or all of the equity points.

Ms. Kerksick would like to have the elected officials from the city and county look at this scorecard as well.

Ms. Frank would like to have this scorecard results printed in every update report.

Mr. Shambarger went through the different categories and which ones the city will be getting more points for in the future and which ones were more applicable to the state level (Wisconsin scores as the lowest state for supporting climate actions).

Ms. Kerksick hopes the city's focus would be using this scorecard as a benchmark over time.

Mr. Kraig noted that the scorecard does give credit for advocacy, so the city did get credit for that.

Ms. Kerksick would like to have a vote on using this as a framework. This will be on next month's agenda for a vote. The goals may be supplemented with work goals and nature-based goals.

The metrics can be discussed by work groups to add more metrics, if desired.

4. Review and approval of draft work group chapters to send to Common Council.

Ms. Kerksick would like the Accountability Work Group work to be very fast and very laser-focused on the recommendations.

Mr. Smith would like to start meeting bi-weekly again and Ms. Frank has just started to read the other proposals.

Ald. Kovac said drafts would be approved, then drafts would go to Council, then the final version would be written.

Mr. Shambarger is concerned as the reports are so detail-rich and he is concerned the Council members don't want to go into that level of detail. Ald. Kovac would like to have work group chairs to present (3-4, not all 9) rather than have Mr. Shambarger present everything.

Mr. Kraig would like to have individual chapters reviewed and have work group members present to answer detail-related questions.

Mr. Smith would like to have the public involved in these 30-minute chapter reviews. He would like to have bi-weekly meetings and cover 2 work group (WG) reports at each meeting.

Mr. Smith said the Jobs and Equity WG needs to complete the template and he hopes that will be completed at its next meeting.

Mr. Kraig said the Transportation WG has an issue coming to completion as there is always something more to be done.

Ms. Kerksick did support bi-weekly meetings to discuss two chapters and also bringing in a consultant writer. Additional meetings of the work groups may need to be convened to address issues.

Mr. Shambarger would like a nice, draft document, polished by a consultant, which then goes out to the public for discussion.

Ms. Frank noted the county is involved with transit, as well as with nature and conservation.

Ms. Meissner Pritchard would like a communication piece put to both the county and

the city and try to re-engage the county, as well as a formality.

Mr. Gordie Bennett, county staff, said he does support the task force recommendations going to the county board and he thinks there are a lot of great ideas in the report. He thinks a lot of these things are for the county board to settle on.

If we commit to these bi-weekly meetings, then members need to commit to reading the reports, ask any questions and be prepared to vote.

Ms. Frank would like any slide presentation to be quick and an overview and not expect WG chairs to spend a lot of time on the slides. She would like to have Green Buildings or Transportation be one of the first reports to be reviewed as they are major reports as well as the most complex ones.

We will meet in 2 weeks and will do 3 reports at each meeting.

The Council and County Board will review the draft prior to the consultant getting the report to polish via a communication file.

Mr. Shambarger presented the Jobs and Equity report slide show - the main core of the proposal being on the Green Job Accelerator. Currently the Residents Preference Program (RPP) is race-neutral; it is based upon zip code. The intent of the work group is to focus on people of color in recruitment. Ms. Frank is concerned as Hispanics self-identify as Caucasian, but speak Spanish, so she would like to include them as well as people of color. Ms. Webb noted that Hispanics also have an income gap and that would include them in the RPP program.

Any race-based program would need an industry-specific disparity study, per the former City Attorney. A prior disparity study said there wasn't a disparity among Hispanic individuals and the city was sued and found out that the study was flawed. Ms. Frank asked if the Hispanic community could be added to the slide presentation and the report. Members of the work group thought the people of color definition did include Latinx. Mr. Smith also suggested focusing on household income rather than race, which would catch people of color.

Members approved this report.

Order for the next 2 meetings:

Green Buildings, Waste and Sustainability, Nature in the City, and Education and Outreach work groups (Feb. 2nd)

Transportation and Mobility, Adaptation and Climate Resilience, and Financing work groups (Feb. 9th)

5. Grant updates.

Mr. Shambarger said they have been working with major contractors for employment commitments and are working on details on how to run the program and divvy up the money.

6. Next Steps for Planning Process.

This was discussed under item #3.

Before the Feb. 2nd meeting, WG chairs will send their PowerPoints to Erick so he can review them as well as putting them into the Google drive.

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Communication relating to the final report and activities of the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity.

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Meeting ended: 4:29 P.M.

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