

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

1/24/22 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Weinert, Naud, Stone, Simmons, Ohren, Mason, Bukowski, Seegert, Williams

Members Absent:

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present: Hoffmeister

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Stone called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Roll Call

Todd Bukowski is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Sarah Mason is present attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Matt Naud is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Joe Ohren is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Dave Seegert is present and attending remotely from Salem Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

Chris Simmons is present attending remotely from the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI.

Lauren Smith is present and attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

Nancy Stone is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Bryan Weinert is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Marc Williams is present and attending remotely from the City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, MI.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of agenda without amendment moved by Ohren, seconded by Simmons. All in favor.

Approval of 12/20/21 Minutes

Approval of minutes without amendment moved by Williams, seconded by Naud. All in favor.

Sponsorship Discussion – Ypsilanti Township

Eggermont introduced Hoffmeister, Residential Services Director of Ypsilanti Township, to discuss the sponsorship application from Ypsilanti Township for a recycling cart grant that has been approved by EGLE and the Recycling Partnership. Hoffmeister added Ypsilanti Township services 15,200 residents with their Waste Management (WM) contract and learned about how their residents recycle through the WRRMA grant in the previous year. The goal is to roll out the carts in early summer. The project total is budgeted to be \$950,000 for carts and education and training, funded by EGLE, TRP, County sponsorship funding, and Township funding. He is requesting a Waste Reduction Sponsorship of \$50,000.

Hoffmeister added Ypsilanti Township gave all residents a new 96-gallon trash carts in 2020 working with WM. Currently, residents can provide their own recycling cart or rent a cart from WM on their own dime. Previously, residents were able to purchase 15-gallon bins from the Township as well. Ohren asked about the education and outreach effort. Hoffmeister noted that they would notify residents of bin delivery and accepted recyclables through the township handbook and through other means. The Recycling

Partnership will provide outreach materials. There is no township sponsored collection service for multi-family housing with three or more residences, so the carts will not be rolled out to those locations.

The committee discussed the application. Eggermont noted recycling tonnage would be an expected metric as a condition of the sponsorship.

Motion to approve the sponsorship request for Ypsilanti Township in the amount of \$40,000, stipulating that the Township work with WM to strengthen metrics reporting and that they consider the possibility of planning in advance maintenance and replacement costs moved by Ohren, supported by Weinert. All in favor. Motion passes.

Reports and Updates

County Updates

Eggermont noted the County is working with a Graham Sustainability Scholars group from the University of Michigan to learn about accessibility and barriers to utilizing the home toxics center.

Member Updates

Simmons noted the public recycling carts in Downtown, Depot Town, and public parks in the City of Ypsilanti have been rolled out.

Old Business

Remote Meeting Bylaw Amendment

Eggermont noted the County passed a resolution that allows committees to meet remotely once discussed with corporate counsel. Since PIAC bylaws state the committee will follow the Open Meetings Act, the bylaws need to be updated to allow for remote access since the OMA does not.

Motion to approve the bylaw amendment moved by Ohren, seconded by Simmons. All in favor. Motion passes.

Williams left at 10:08 AM.

New Business

Climate Planning

Naud and RRS is working with the County to create a carbon neutrality plan for the County for 2035. He wanted to discuss potential roles the PIAC committee could take, including reviewing sections of the plan pertaining to solid waste and providing recommendations.

Naud anticipates having draft recommendations for the County Climate Plan this summer. Weinert wondered if Naud or county staff could share best practices in solid waste, what key recommendations and solid waste related items have the biggest impact on climate, as well as using models to estimate current impact with the programs the County already has in place. Naud recommended the WRM (waste reduction model) created by the EPA. He also noted that since the current Solid Waste Plan does not include climate metrics, PIAC could put a climate lens on goals already in place prior to the next plan update.

Next Steps

The next scheduled meeting is in March, subcommittees will meet in the interim. Chair elections will take place at the next meeting.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. moved by Ohren, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (Mar 29, 2022 14:47 EDT)
Nancy Stone, Secretary






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