

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

### WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

March 26, 2019

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A session of the Environmental Council was held at the Washtenaw County Western Service Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Deatruck at 4:52, when quorum had been reached.

#### **I. Attendance**

##### **Members Present:**

Michelle Deatruck  
Mark Clevey  
Anne Brown  
Jason Morgan  
Sue Shink  
Erin De Vries  
Kris Olsson  
Gay MacGregor  
Stephen Manville

##### **Members Absent:**

Andy LaBarre  
Lisa Wozniak  
Melissa Stults

##### **Others Present:**

April Baranek, Washtenaw County Environmental Coordinator

#### **II. Swearing in of members**

Edwin Peart of the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office swore in new members of the Environmental Council.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mark Clevey, seconded by Kris Olsson, moved that the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Council be approved. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IV. Approval of agenda**

Mark Clevey, seconded by Michelle Deatruck, moved that the agenda for March 26<sup>th</sup> be approved. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Michelle Deatruck moved that April Baranek's Presentation be moved up in the agenda, to immediately after Approval of the Calendar. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Michelle Deatruck moved that "Discussion" be replaced with "New Business." Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**V. Citizen Participation**

No citizen participation.

**VI. Council Responses to citizens**

No council responses.

**VI. Introductions of staff and members present**

The following Council members and staff introduced themselves:

Jason Morgan, Sue Shink, Erin De Vries, Kris Olsson, Gay MacGregor, Stephen Manville, Zachary Neal, April Baranek, Michelle Deatruck, Mark Clevey.

**VII. Approval of proposed calendar**

Jason Morgan, seconded by Kris Olsson, moved that the proposed calendar be approved. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Gay MacGregor, seconded by Jason Morgan, moved to amend the calendar to have a 5:00 start time.

During discussion, several members' expressed that time and location or work had changed, making a 4:30pm start time difficult. As a result, quorum was only reached more than 20 minutes after the official start time for the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**VIII. Presentation by April Baranek, Washtenaw County Environmental Coordinator, per Chair Deatruck's Outline: "Existing Energy Reduction Efforts, Measures & Benchmarks"**

Chair Michelle Deatruck summarized the mission and goals set forth in the founding Resolution of the Environmental Council and in the 2019-2022 Budget, and delineated what the Council is tasked with—and how April Baranek's work is related.

April Baranek presented on the following topics:

**1) Energy Use Reduction**

a) Carbon footprint has decreased 17% in the last 8 years; organization has grown.

**2) Recycling**

a) April Baranek: With Noelle Bowman, did waste audits when she started with the county and found that plastic garbage bags are being under-utilized. The average person creates 4 pounds of garbage per day. April's role is communicating knowing the difference between recycling and garbage

b) April: OIM is working on a board policy on recycling.

d) Michelle Deatruck: Asked what parts of the county are not included in the energy analysis and in April's work. April: Parks and Rec manages their own utilities but April is beginning to start to work with Parks on their utilities. Road Commission manages their own utilities.

e) Commissioner Shink: will talk with Parks and Rec about their energy plan and report back to the council.

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f) April Baranek: Could take 6-7 years to move all of the remaining County buildings to LED lighting.

**3) Storm Water Management**

**IX. Bylaws Discussion**

- 1) Mark Clevey, seconded by Jason Morgan moved to approve bylaws.
- 2) Discussion ensued. The first three articles were discussed and there was no objection. Commissioners Morgan and Shink expressed that they had concerns about the Bylaws being too broad.
- 3) Kris Olsson suggested that comments about the bylaws could be sent to Zach Neal by email.
- 4) Jason Morgan, seconded by Kris Olsson, moved to rescind the motion to approve the bylaws. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 4) Michelle Deatrick: She will send out an editable version of the bylaws. Members can email comments on the Bylaws to Zach Neal. A revised version based on comments will be proposed at the April meeting, and broad concerns will be discussed.

**X. New Business**

- a) Michelle Deatrick moved, seconded by Mark Clevey, to lay out a plan for topics for each meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Deatrick's proposed presentation topics: 1) Components of a CAP and Process for creating; 2) Reducing energy use—buildings and infrastructure; 3) renewable energy-county generated, external sources, electrification; 4) green purchasing; 5) fleet/emissions/EV charging; 6) Solid waste/recycling; 7) sustainable landscaping/carbon sequestration.
- b) Michelle Deatrick passed around a list/sign-up form of proposed presentation topics for subsequent meetings, asked people to sign up to help find presenters.
- c) Michelle Deatrick: asked that Council members sign up to help on a proposed Climate Action Plan Task Force.
- d) Michelle Deatrick noted that the Task Force cannot be formally created until after the Bylaws are passed. Also, no expenditures can be made by the Council until the Bylaws are passed.

**XI. Report of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chair: Deatrick: Rick Bunch from Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues will be presenting at the next meeting. Materials will be in the packet for the meeting.

**XII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:22

