

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

3/28/22 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent:

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present: Kofflin

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Stone called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Manhattan, Riley County, KS.

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 Williams. All in favor.

Approval of 1/24/22 Minutes

Approval of minutes without amendment moved by Ohren, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Sponsorship Discussion – City of Milan/Moving Milan Forward

The committee discussed the application for Recycle Days events in the City of Milan, coordinated by Moving Milan Forward. Josh Kofflin, City of Milan Council Member and President of Moving Milan Forward noted Recycle Days started in 2019. Between 2019 and 2021 they received a 62% increase in waste, and recently served over 400 residents.

Naud joined at 9:08 am.

The events are part of Milan's strategic green plan, one event will be in July and another in September.

Ohren asked if the fiduciary for the grant would be Moving Milan Forward or the City, Kofflin noted it

would be the City. Stone asked about resident outreach. Kofflin will send a note with water bills and post

signage around the City, as well as highlighting the event on Milan's website and social media. Kofflin

noted they keep track of residency of event goers and ask for a donation from residents outside the City of

Milan. The event's paper shredding and e-waste contractor is AccuShred, based in Toledo The household

hazardous waste vendor is US IT in Livonia, who can take freon appliances. Weinert and Ohren

suggested approaching Monroe County for funding opportunities, and to work with the Washtenaw County on the potential to add tire recycling through the County's grant from the State of Michigan.

The committee discussed the application. Stone noted she reviewed the non-profit's website and believes this event is well within their capabilities to undertake. Bukowski added the event will reach County residents that most other events and the drop-off station does not. Weinert would like to see a breakdown of other sources of revenue and who their other partners are and to review how to help the event be self-sufficient to maintain the program for long-term sustainability.

The committee decided on metrics to require as amount of material, residency numbers, and to request viewing the funding structure. Simmons wanted to ensure it would be open to all Washtenaw County residents. Ohren added they will likely attract residents from the immediate townships and worried it could raise their costs significantly. Eggermont added they can accept from outside the area but not advertise outside their immediate area.

Simmons left at 9:55 am.

Motion to approve the sponsorship request for City of Milan/Moving Milan Forward with the addition of working with the County to add a tire collection, including additional metrics requests as noted above, and working to increase program sustainability long-term, in the amount of 25% of total costs up to \$5,000, moved by Ohren, supported by Weinert. All in favor. Motion passes.

Reports and Updates

County Updates

Eggermont announced the City of Ann arbor officially joined WRRMA, with Mason as the delegate. WRRMA has been discussing with the City about a replacement drop-off station and reviewing how a drop-off station might help each municipality achieve its sustainability goals. WRRMA is also looking at what a joint contract for recycling might look like and is drafting an RFP as an exploratory exercise. Eggermont added this exercise will help WRRMA determine if there are cost-savings for jointly contracted recycling.

The Board of Public Works is working on lake management projects for 2022.

Member Updates

A consent judgement with GFL and EGLE has been finalized. Seegert noted GFL is working to follow it exactly as written. Some notable additions it requires is further inspections, air sensing units, a household hazardous waste center to be added within 300 days, a third party inspection, and building of a new cell is for waste relocation. Eggermont added the household hazardous waste facility has to be open 4 days a week for 4 hours. The landfill will pay Washtenaw County \$75,000 annually for its operation. It must be free for residents of Washtenaw County, Northville Township, and the City of Northville for ten years. Seegert mentioned a learning center is also being built for education.

Subcommittee Updates

Stone noted the education subcommittee skipped this month as the majority of the committee was unavailable.

Eggermont added the solid waste ordinance task force has met a few times. Their goals are to prevent commingling trash and recycling with a licensure requirement, collect metrics by municipality, evaluate funding opportunities, and evaluate if a recycling standard would be set in the County. The person in

charge of the ordinance in Grand Traverse County is scheduled for next meeting, and future meetings will ensure stakeholder input is collected.

New Business

Sponsorship Match Discussion

Garramone discussed a sponsorship application that came through for the Ann Arbor: Reduce, Reuse, Return initiative for reusable restaurant containers. The applicant used previously spent funds as matching funding. Because the application does not have any notation on whether that is acceptable, the County has approved the application and will update the information to not allow previously spent funds as a match.

Garramone will update the application for the applicant to propose metrics they will be reporting.

Ohren left at 10:25 AM.

Officer Elections

Williams nominated Stone for chair. Naud supported. Stone accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Williams nominated Weinert for vice-chair. Naud supported. Weinert accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Williams nominated Stone to continue as secretary. Naud supported. Stone accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Next Steps

None

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. moved by Naud, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy V. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (May 23, 2022 15:16 EDT)

Nancy Stone, Secretary


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