

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

5/23/22 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: Bukowski, Smith, Weinert

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present: McMullen

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Stone called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Roll Call

Todd Bukowski is not present (notified in advance)

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 Lodi Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

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

Lauren Smith is not present.

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

Bryan Weinert is not present.

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 3/28/22 Minutes

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

Reports and Updates

County Updates

Eggermont discussed the Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference that Public Works staff attended last week. He recalled interest in watching optical sorting take place at a MRF tour. Recycling markets overall are up and there is continued investment of large companies to increase recycled content in their products due to sustainability goals.

Ypsilanti Township is still working to approve their cart grants. Eggermont believes the City of Ypsilanti will also come forward with a sponsorship request for carts.

The WRRMA Board discussed municipal sustainability goals and how a DOS might serve those goals. WRRMA is also working to draft an RFP for collection services.

The Chelsea Clean-Up Day saw an 25% increase in attendance and had to begin turning people away due to a 56% increase in electronics, the electronics vendor couldn't handle any more material. Eggermont is

looking into an appointment or registration system for people to have time slots to attend. Stone suggested increased outreach on electronics recycling.

Member Updates

Seegert noted the household hazardous waste building was delivered to GFL and need to be built. GFL will be breaking ground on a new natural gas facility soon. Ohren asked about touring the facility, Seegert noted the committee is welcome, next spring most of the new facilities will be open.

Subcommittee Updates

Eggermont recalled the ordinance task force met with Dan Rock of Monroe County to learn about their ordinance. Monroe County has a permitting process for all waste haulers in the County.

Stone noted the education subcommittee skipped this month as most of the committee was at the Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference.

New Business

DOS Activity

Eggermont shared the two pages of information about the Drop-Off Station replacement in the packet. The City of Ann Arbor received a grant from EGLE and a soft commitment from Washtenaw County for replacing the DOS. Mason expanded upon the idea of the DOS being a regional facility, and that the City is looking for regional by-in and long-term partnerships. Ann Arbor City Council will review the plans at their next meeting, and the goal would be to start building next year as the grant deadline is September 2023. Stone shared enthusiasm about the expansion.

The committee shared ideas for topics such as new services, how to support the County Solid Waste Plan/Climate Plan, ideas for public engagement and education, and design features to achieve goals.

Simmons joined at 10 am.

Sponsorship Discussion – Live Zero Waste

Samuel McMullen introduced Live Zero Waste and the Zero Waste Week. The Zero Waste Week offers residents an opportunity to try zero waste in a short-term experience to find opportunities they can utilize in the rest of their lives. He has been working with businesses and opportunities to add to the local zero waste map. Stone added she participated in the first week and noticed the expansions to other municipalities. McMullen noted the expansion came from resident feedback in City of Ypsilanti as well as a zero waste business in Dexter. Ohren how a lower funded application may change the scope of the project, McMullen added it would be he will be doing additional work to secure funding and quality of the project may be reduced. He has previously worked with the City of Ann Arbor and received the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant for \$10,000 in December that started the February event.

The committee discussed the application for Live Zero Waste from Samuel McMullen. Ohren expressed support for the application. Stone noted she was looking for hourly staffing costs to get a better sense of where money is going and what hours would be used for working on. She noted previous applications didn't have that information available, and we may want to take it into consideration for future applications. Eggermont agreed and he will want to make it clear the rate and number of hours in grant agreement.

Since the request was reduced to \$4,000 to expedite the process, the Committee does not need to vote to approve.

Next Steps

None

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. moved by Ohren, seconded by Williams. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (Jul 29, 2022 16:18 EDT)
Nancy Stone, Secretary







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