

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

June 25th, 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, June 25th, 2019.

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kris Olsson at 5:06, when quorum had been reached.

II. **Attendance**

Members Present:

Chair Kris Olsson
Commissioner Andy LaBarre
Commissioner Jason Morgan
Commissioner Sue Shink
Chair Emeritus Michelle Deatrick
Gay MacGregor
Anne Brown
Erin De Vries
Melissa Stults
Tim Redmond

Members Absent:

Stephen Manville
Lisa Wozniak

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Melissa Stults motioned, seconded by Commissioner Shink, to approve the agenda
Passed by voice vote

IV. **Approval of 5/28 Minutes**

Gay MacGregor motions, seconded by Melissa Stults, to approve minutes
Passed by voice vote

V. **Public Participation**

The council was joined by Sara and Emma, both interns with the Washtenaw County Environmental Health Department

VI. **Council Responses to Public Participation**

VII. Special Presentations

- a.** Rick Bunch of Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (MI-MAUI)
 - i.** Rick Bunch from Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues joined the council to give a presentation. MI-MAUI provides technical support for municipalities with utility problems (street lights, roads, etc.). MI-MAUI helps municipalities save money and represents their interests collectively. Washtenaw County has sponsored the rest of the municipalities in the county. MI-MAUI is here to help gain better utility rates from utility companies and when that doesn't work they go to the public service commission on their behalf. Rick spoke about the Green Power Program which is a program where DTE allows you pay a premium to use renewable energy.

VIII. Election of Officers

- a.** Commissioner Shink nominated Kris Olsson, seconded by Gay MacGregor as Chair of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council
Passed unanimously by voice vote
- b.** Commissioner LaBarre nominated Gay MacGregor, seconded by Commissioner Shink as Vice Chair of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council
Passed unanimously by voice vote

IX. Regular Business

- a. Discussion of definition of Net-Zero Emissions**
 - i.** Gay began a discussion on what Net-Zero means. With the exception of California, states do not have a definition of net-zero. Most places establish a baseline. Something to think about is to establish this baseline but when the work on the CAP is done then set a definition of Net-zero.
 - ii.** April asked if this would include companies that the county contracts work out to.
- b. Discussion of steps to create CAP, relying on 12 questions document**
 - i.** Gay began the discussion around the document focusing on the work group strategies. She stated that some of the communities that have done a CAP have not done a good job of communicating the plan and that one of the jobs of the council is to come up with a work plan for the county.
 - ii.** Gay said that the council needs to find a balance of what is realistic in regards to the target and that net-zero by 2035 is very aggressive
- c. Approval of Ad Hoc Committees: CAP related work groups**
 - i.** Commissioner LaBarre motioned, seconded by Melissa Stults to create committees A, B and D.
Motion passed by voice vote
- d. Approval of Standing Committee on Membership**
 - i.** The council did not find is necessary to have a standing membership committee as this is the job of the Board of Commissioners

X. New Business

- a. The following committee assignments were made:

Group A (Scope, Boundaries & Leadership) – **Sue Shink**, Missy Stults, Tim Redmond, Andy LaBarre

Group B (Resources) – **Gay MacGregor**, Sue Shink, Missy Stults

Group D (County Actions & Coordination) – **Sue Shink**, Erin De Vries, Andy LaBarre

XI. Communications and Reports

- a. Council members
- b. Staff
- c. Finance Report

XII. Adjourn

- a. Gay MacGregor motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shink
Meeting adjourned at 6:28