

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

7/25/22 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Bukowski, Ohren, Seegert, Simmons, Stone, Weinert

Members Absent: Mason, Williams

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present:

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 City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Sarah Mason is not present.

Matt Naud is on leave.

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 and attending remotely from 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 attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Marc Williams is not present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of 5/23/22 Minutes

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

Reports and Updates

Solid Waste Ordinance Update

Eggermont discussed the solid waste ordinance a task force is working on. Grand Traverse County has an ordinance that requires haulers to apply and be permitted to work in their County. One of the biggest issues they have is the staffing required to track down and have haulers apply who are late on their permitting. Haulers also must send their materials to a designated facility (MRF or landfill). The facilities track the material amount and County of origin. Grand Traverse reiterated it would be a simple form and is not meant to add a lot more work for the benefit of the metrics. Seegert noted he already must report for GFL to the State what Counties their material comes from. The ordinance would also ban the curbside collection of certain hazardous materials, specifically materials that cause fires and harm to human health such as propane tanks and lithium batteries, as well as ban haulers from mixing recycling and trash.

The Committee discussed methods to enforce the ban of those materials, including cameras on trucks and how to enforce when it is set out vs. collected, in order to not put the onus entirely on haulers. Weinert reiterated the strong role of education for this requirement. Eggermont would also like to include a standard where haulers are required to provide a posting that details recyclable materials every other year.

Stone noted requiring it to be mailed will reach many more people than if the requirement was just to social media or online. Ohren wondered how difficult it would be for a hauler that goes to different communities and MRFs with different subsets of materials. Eggermont noted there is potential for an authority to do so. Weinert wondered which municipalities are not part of a current authority, the County can create a list or map to share. The committee discussed the financial portion of the ordinance; the fee for applying for the permit would be relatively low.

HHW Facility at GFL

Seegert updated the building was delivered and they hope to have it running at the very beginning of 2023. A builder started last week and will have the shell ready at the end of the week, and then the electricity, water, and sewer can be connected. The County and GFL will work on an official agreement to be signed by both parties. The County will be staffing the facility. Eggermont will be looking to amend the hours based on staffing capabilities. The Committee discussed challenges for the location and a potential to charge for Wayne County residents to be able to utilize the location.

Member Updates

WWRA

Eggermont said the County is partnering with WWRA to do a Recycling Quality Improvement Grant, similar to what WRRMA did last year. Everyone in the special assessment district received a mailer about the program and stickers of accepted materials were placed on drop off bins. Williams completed a compositional audit today for contamination. The County and WWRA are collaborating to survey residents that are using the drop off bins to learn where they live and what they are bringing in.

Ann Arbor DOS

Eggermont noted the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County presented to Pittsfield Township about the new DOS. Weinert added Ann Arbor City Council approved RRS to develop a site plan that will go through the Pittsfield Township planning process, and all governmental bodies seem to be behind this effort. RRS will also be conducting a traffic study. The site is south of the Ann Arbor landfill property.

Subcommittee Updates

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Stone recalled at the education subcommittee, ~~Abrams~~ from RAA noted the EPA has programs they are looking for input on including an infrastructure grant as well as a battery labeling requirement. In addition, the Master Composter Course of Washtenaw County is coordinating a reduced price for residents to take an online training on community composting in place of the in-person course this year. The committee also viewed the County presentation from the MRC where Will Garcia presented on the research from UM students on the populational characteristics of people using the Home Toxics Center.

Next Steps

Eggermont will provide a copy of the draft ordinance and Eggermont will share the presentation from UM Erb students who researched barriers to composting from municipalities and some residents.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. moved by Ohren, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by Nancy Stone 10/14/2022

Nancy Stone, Secretary