

## Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

9/23/19

9AM-10:30AM

Washtenaw County Western Service Center, 705 N. Zeeb, Ann Arbor MI, 48103

### Minutes:

Members Present: Stone, Williams, Sanders, Naud

Members Absent: Slotten (Approved), Harless (Approved), Weinert (Unapproved), Ohren (Approved)

Liaison Present: Maciejewski

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

**Secretary Stone called the meeting to order at 9:16a.m.**

- **Public Comment:** No public comment.

- **Membership Updates:**

Eggermont introduced Brian Sanders and Matt Naud as new members of the committee.

Eggermont mentioned that Lauren Olson, Ecology Center accepted a new position and is moving.

Eggermont is in talks with Ecology Center about finding a replacement for her.

- **School Recycling Program Report:**

Jon Tulman, Solid Waste Specialist gave a presentation on the School Recycling Project.

Sanders asked how many schools total are in the county. Eggermont responded that he believed there is approximately 49 schools, but will send out proper information with those numbers.

Maciejewski mentioned that there was talk at the BPW meeting about targeting the districts as a whole and it was mentioned that there has been more success at focusing on individual buildings. Maciejewski asked if there was an attempt made to central school offices after the request came from the BPW. Tulman responded that having presentations for the school districts has been a topic in the (School) Consortium when they meet. Stone mentioned that reaching out and giving presentations to the school boards might be a great outreach point.

Stone mentioned that the education outreach subcommittee is meeting next week and is going to meet with the facilities person from the Ann Arbor Public Schools to talk about their program.

Sanders asked if budget was the limiting factor to school participation in the program. Eggermont responded that the program has focused on operations, and now focusing on education prior to expansion. Budget is a consideration, anticipated reaching budget cap in the next year or two.

Tulman mentioned that the staff time commitment for this program is very high and much needed. On a monthly/bi-monthly basis, Tulman completes site visits to look at what is in the trash and to look to find areas to improve. Eggermont mentioned that there is a mandatory pre-meeting before each year

Maciejewski mentioned that this program is great and mentioned they might start looking at food waste diversion at a committee and BPW level. Tulman mentioned that some schools have started composting and Tulman has been working to establish how milk cartons can be recycled through WWRA.

Stone mentioned that the Master Composter has education material about recycling in schools that she will upload to the education subcommittee page.

Eggermont asked what are the views on Styrofoam in schools. He went on to mentioned that there have been conversations with school districts about applying for a grant in the future to get a dishwasher to eliminate the Styrofoam. He also mentioned that there have been conversations with DART to pick up the Styrofoam for free.

Sanders mentioned that from the Arbor Hills standpoint, they would be interested in the rewards portion of the program.

- **Approval of the agenda for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.**

Motion by Williams, second by Sanders.

All in favor.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

Motion by Williams, second by Sanders.

All in favor.

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- **Committee Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure:**

None.

- **Businesses and Subcommittees Updates:**

Eggermont gave an overview of the Waste Reduction Sponsorships for new members. He mentioned that the Solid Waste staff has been working the bugs out of the application process and he will send the link to the group this week. Naud asked about size of the grants and the matching capabilities.

Maciejewski asked if others county departments, example being Parks and Recreation, being eligible. Eggermont responded yes.

Garramone gave a website overview of where to find the applications.

Eggermont mentioned that WRRMA is officially established as of today. The first meeting is today and they will be electing officers, setting schedule and the budget during the meeting today. Eggermont mentioned there are seven members and populations of approximately 150,000.

Stone mentioned that there are minutes for the Education Subcommittee meeting. Highlights included that they have invited Ann Arbor Public Schools to the next meeting. She went on to mention that the purpose of that subcommittee is to focus on the topics brought up during the PIAC meetings that need further discussion and work. The meeting is Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Wheeler Center at 8:30a.m.

Eggermont mentioned that since Olson has left, he reached out to Harless to organize the Metrics subcommittee.

Stone mentioned to the new members that metrics and education and outreach were the two Solid Waste Plan topics that were chosen to begin with.

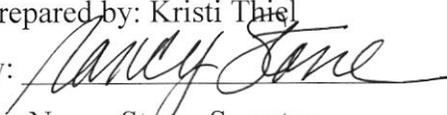
Eggermont stated that over the summer, the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Plan was accepted by the State and is official.

Sanders mentioned that recycling is hard right now, he would suggest focus on waste reduction over recycling.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes submitted/prepared by: Kristi Thiel

Minutes approved by:

  
Nancy Stone, Secretary