

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

**May 25, 2021
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Remote Meeting via Zoom**

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APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Called by Chair Olsson at 5:06 PM

2. Attendance

Present: Kris Olsson (Ann Arbor Township), Anne Brown (Ypsilanti), Sue Shink (Northfield Township), Lisa Wozniak (Ypsilanti), Andrew Comai (Southfield), Teresa Tupacz (Pittsfield Township). Hallie Fox (Travelling on I-96 through Livingston County).

Absent: Gay McGregor, Michelle Deatrack, Jason Morgan, Tim Redmond,

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shink, Seconded Comai. Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. April 27, 2021

The minutes were not approved as they were not moved while a quorum was present.

5. Citizen Participation: *each person will receive four (4) minutes to address the Council*

None.

6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation

None.

7. Special Presentations

8. Regular Business

A. Climate Action Plan

1. RFP Status Update
2. RFP Sharing/ Vendor Posting – Where/ Who/ What Qualities

Andrew DeLeeuw provided an update on the status of the Climate Action Plan RFP, indicating that the scope of services language had been finalized and incorporated feedback and suggestions from Environmental Council's prior meeting. He walked through the RFP Process, included suggested timelines and selection process, and solicited feedback from the Council about which groups and channels should be made aware of the RFP.

9. New Business

A. Discussion of Quorum Rules

Councilmember Tupacz raised questions about the ability to change the quorum amount of the Environmental Council, given the repeated difficulty of having quorum and regular attendance. Councilmember Shink indicated that the Council is primarily an advisory body to the Board of Commissioners, and thus lowering quorum would not be especially problematic.

Councilmember Shink indicated that she would discuss lowering the quorum within the Environmental Council bylaws with County corporation counsel, and would bring a revised set of bylaws to the next meeting of the Environmental Council.

B. Role of Environmental Council

There was a general discussion about the role of the Environmental Council, and the opportunities for the Council and its members to participate and support various climate related actions, in particular the opportunity to capitalize on various bills being worked on at the State and Federal Levels which would allocate resources to climate and environmental activities.

Councilmember Fox indicated that she would be able to provide an update of her work regarding pending legislation at a future meeting of the Environmental Council.

Councilmember Shink indicated that she or Councilmember Morgan could speak about the Washtenaw Rescue Plan at a future meeting of the Environmental Council.

10. Communications and Reports

A. Council members

None

B. Staff (10-15 Minutes)

1. LED Project
2. DTE Energy Manager Project
3. AA 2030

April Baranek and Jason Fee provided an update on the status of the LED Project, the DTE Energy Manager Project, and the membership in the Ann Arbor 2030 District.

C. Committees

None

11. Tasks:

12. Adjourn

Moved by Shink, Seconded Comai. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.