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2. December 2022 Draft Minutes

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3. January 2023 Draft Minutes

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[04- 2023-01 SUS ACTION MINUTES - DRAFT.PDF](#)

4. Earth Day Flier

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4.I. Earth Day Budget Request

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Agenda
Sustainability Commission
Monday, 13 March 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
City Hall - 1 S Huron St, Ypsilanti
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Beth Gibbons, Chair	P	A
Julia Bayha	P	A
Bryan Foley	P	A
Nancy Heine	P	A
Takunia Collins	P	A
Liz Ratzloff	P	A
Shannon Baer	P	A

III. Approval of Minutes

- November 14, 2022
- December 2022
- January 2023

IV. Audience Participation

- *Open for general public comment. Please limit to five minutes.*

V. Upcoming Events

- Earth Day Ypsilanti, April 16 12 - 5pm

VI. EPA Proposal Idea

- Proposal Concept
- Partners & phases discussion

VII. Sustainability Commission 2023 Planning & Goals

- Summary of discussion from January 2023

VIII. Staff Report & Updates

IX. Reports (Commissioners & Council Liaison)

X. Adjournment



ACTION Minutes

Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting

7:00pm, Monday December 12 2022

Council Chambers

The Regular Meeting of the City of Sustainability Commission was called to order on Monday December 12, 2022 at 7:05pm in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Chair Gibbons, Commissioner Bayha, Commissioner Foley, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Heine, Commissioner Baer

ABSENT:, Commissioner Heine, Commissioner Ratzloff

AGENDA

- I. Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
No minutes were available for review.
- IV. Audience Participation/Public Comment
No members of the public were present to comment.
- V. Presentations
Teresa Gillotti, recently of the Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development, gave a presentation on the County's Opportunity Index and how to use it.
- VI. Staff Report/Updates
 - *A draft of the annual report was presented.*
- VII. Old Business (none)
- VIII. Future Business
The 2023 meeting calendar was presented and unanimously adopted (moved by Commissioner Bayha, seconded by Commissioner Foley).
- IX. Reports
Commissioner updates
 - *Commissioners Foley, Bayha, & Collins gave brief updates.*
- X. Future Business Discussion
None.
- XI. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 20:56pm.



ACTION Minutes

Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting

7:00pm, Monday January 09 2023

Council Chambers

The Regular Meeting of the City of Sustainability Commission was called to order on Monday January 09 2023 at 7:03pm in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Chair Gibbons, Commissioner Bayha, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Heine, Commissioner Baer.

ABSENT: Commissioner Foley, Commissioner Ratzloff

AGENDA

- I. Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:03
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
Postponed to Feb meeting
- IV. Audience Participation/Public Comment
None
- V. Presentations
Commissioner Bayha discussed her experiences with volunteering at a recycle/reuse center in New Orleans.
- VI. Pattern Book Kick-off
Councilmember Simmons, Commissioner Collins, and Commissioner Baer discussed the process of drafting a pattern book/community sustainability resource guide.
- VII. Sustainability Commission 2023 Planning & Goals
The commission discussed the goals contained in the adopted plan and their own goals as related to those. Commissioner Bayha discussed Earth Day celebrations; Commissioner Collins promoting biodiversity; and Commissioner Heine recycling.
- VIII. Staff Reports and Updates
Approval of the 2022 Annual Report
- IX. Old Business (none)
- X. Future Business discussion/updates
Discussion about the logistics of a joint meeting with Council.
- XI. Reports & Updates
Commissioner updates
 - *Commissioners gave brief updates.*
City updates
 - *Councilmember Simmons and Director Wessler gave updates.*
- XII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

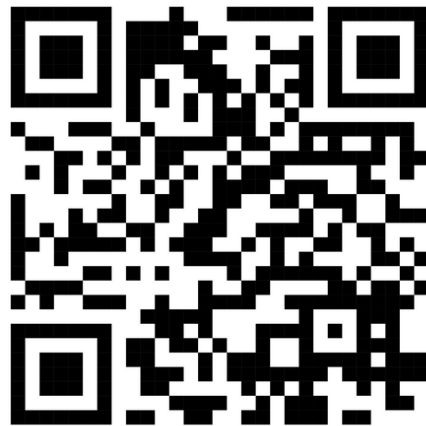
EARTH DAY YPSILANTI APRIL 16 12 - 5PM

YPSILANTI FREIGHTHOUSE
100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI
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Join green-minded friends and community members from
across Ypsilanti at the 4th Annual
Ypsilanti Earth Day Event!

Come for a full day of music & art, food & drinks, and
sharing & learning how we can build a more sustainable
community, together!



Hosted by Ypsilanti Sustainability
Commission

**Earth Day Ypsilanti 4 (EDY4!)
Saturday, April 16th 12 - 5pm | Ypsilanti Freight House**

Back after a COVID hiatus, this year's Earth Day event theme is back with a new theme: *Building A Sustainable Community*. EDY4 is an opportunity for those from Ypsilanti and beyond to come out and meet and mingle with others who are "green"-minded and share a love for doing good things in our town. EDY4 promises to bring back the energy and activism of the first three EDY festivals that took place from 2017 - 2019. This year the event will take place at The Ypsilanti Freight House and we need your help to fill the space with sustainable activities, local art and music, and rejuvenating foods from local vendors.

EDY is an important way for everyone to learn about how they can live a more sustainable life and connect with sustainable businesses, teachers, and activities in our area. Organized by Ypsilanti Sustainability Commissioners this annual event is an important step in achieving our city's sustainability commission goals including:

- To create a model of sustainability through efforts to advocate, educate and promote the social, economic and environmental health of the community now and into the future.
- To recognize natural resources as chief assets of the City of Ypsilanti and encouraging responsible stewardship of these assets.
- To collaborate with citizens, employees, employers, service providers and other governmental agencies and educational agencies to share ideas.

Leading up to this year's festival Sustainability Commissioners will reach out to Ypsilanti Community Schools and WIHI and encourage students to participate in a competition to share how sustainability shows up in their lives. Students will have an opportunity to submit a rap, poem, or story and a winner from each category (song, rap, poem, story) will be given a cash prize at the event. (Depending on available funding hopefully each winner will receive \$100).

Until now the past 3 Earth Day Ypsilanti events and this event have been completely supported by volunteer time and the generosity of a few community members. To ensure EDY4 is the most successful event yet funds are needed to support the event:

Expenses	
Welcome gifts of seedlings for first 200 attendees	\$ 250
Prize money (Visa gift cards) for students (4 awards)	\$ 400
Graphic designer	\$ 100
Production of flyers	\$ 50
Local Organic Smoothie Vendor Stipend	\$200
Materials to produce and distribute flyers	\$ 100
Request for Funding	\$1,100
In-Kind	
Volunteer Hours	450+ hours
Freight House (provided by the City of Ypsilanti)	\$1,200
Music Equipment	\$276
In-Kind Support	\$1,476

For more information on EDY4 contact event organizer
Julia Bayha at realgreenworld@gmail.com.

EPA's Environmental Justice Government to Government Grants

Program Overview:

- **Program Website:** <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-government-government-program>
- Webinar slides on the program: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-01/ejg2g-pre-application-webinar.pdf>
- RFP PDF: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-01/EJG2G%20Request%20for%20Applications%202023.pdf>

Opportunity Summary:

- This program includes four types of opportunities. For local government collaboration with CBOs there is \$20 million and the program anticipates approximately 20 grants available at \$1M each.
- Opportunities require a partnership between a government entity and CBO. Additional government entities partnering in the program are highly encouraged.
- The proposal deadline is Friday, April 14, 2023.

The EJG2G program goals are to:

1. Achieve measurable and meaningful environmental and/or public health results in communities;
2. build broad and robust, results-oriented partnerships, particularly with community-based nonprofit organizations (CBO) within disproportionately impacted areas;
3. pilot activities in specific communities that create transferable models, which can be expanded or replicated in other geographic areas and;
4. strengthen the development and implementation of meaningful approaches to achieve environmental justice.

Applications submitted in response to this funding opportunity that will receive an award must address one of the following five broad categories:

- Community-led air and other pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation, and investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure and workforce development that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants;
- Mitigating climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events;
- Climate resiliency and adaptation;
- Reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution; or
- Facilitating engagement of marginalized communities in Local, State and Federal public processes, such as advisory groups, workshops, and rulemakings.

Proposal Concept:

Implementation of the Resilient Washtenaw Plan (Climate Action Plan) through the establishment of a climate resilience hub network throughout Ypsilanti.

Project Partners:

City of Ypsilanti, ICPJ, Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti Community Schools, City of Ann Arbor, SEMIS Coalition, Ypsilanti Library, FedUp,

Funded Partners: City of Ypsilanti, ICPJ, Washtenaw County, YCS, SEMIS Coalition
Information sharing partners/match partners: City of Ann Arbor

Project Description:

The concept for this project is to implement elements of the strategies and actions described in the City of Ypsilanti's 2021 Sustainability Plan and the 2022 Resilient Washtenaw Plan. Based on the priority areas of the EPA EJ GTG program (specifically the prioritization of health and climate adaptation initiatives). The proposal development team believes that advancing the priorities of both plans as they relate to building community resilience through community cohesion, establishment of a strong, interconnected network of resilience hubs, and infrastructure improvements at select resilience hub locations would be highly competitive.

Proposal Development Partners:

ICPJ Staff (Desirae Simmons and Eleanor Ablan Owen), Natalie Sampson, Erica Mooney, Beth Gibbons

Draft Phases for Implementation

Phase 1

- Create a map of existing hubs, show 2-mile radii per Resilient Washtenaw goal parameters, begin to identify community groups, leaders, and other potential hub locations
 - Preliminary meetings with appropriate staff and residents to co-facilitate public engagement
 - Pilot community engagement process at strongest partnership hub location, create calendar of meeting(s) and replicable, living planning materials for Phase 2 & 3
- Create an MOU with City of Ann Arbor regarding technical mentorship/peer-to-peer support with folks from Bryant Community Center, currently skilling up and equipping via USDN Hub design framework (could be adapted for technical partnerships elsewhere, such as with WCC at Parkridge for local base)
- Create materials both physical and digital that accessibly communicate the long-term vision for local Resilience Hubs, including short and medium term example goals such as shower trailer, solar and battery power, food pantry and preparation, emergency preparedness supplies, etc.

Phase 2

- Deep canvassing/multi-pronged outreach campaign for neighborhoods in X radius of hubs

- Iterate based on feedback, integrate channels/resources that folks already get news from
- Integrate feedback from pilot community engagement meeting(s) to design public facing process with a select group of existing hubs, chosen based on capacity of host location and involvement of residents

Phase 3

- Facilitate robust public engagement process, integrating feedback as the meetings progress
- Create phased timelines, budgets, and next steps to fund the implementation of each neighborhood/hubs site specific designs

Potential Partnerships & Existing Hubs

- City of Ypsilanti
 - Freighthouse (Peace House/Warming Centers/SAWC)
 - Parkridge Community Center (Washtenaw Community College)
 - Hope Clinic
 - Beautiful Gate Church
- Washtenaw County Health Department
 - Suite of offices at Towner St.
- Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
- Ypsilanti Community Schools
 - YCS Resilience Center
- Park Ridge Community Center
- Ypsilanti Libraries