

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Remote Meeting

Sustainability Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes

October 21, 2020. 2:30 pm

Members Present

Dale Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Kristen Atha, AECOM
Kate Bartter, OSU Sustainability Institute
Andy Biesterveld, COTA
Robin Duffee, Violet Township
Mayor Ben Kessler, City of Bexley
Justin Milam, City of Upper Arlington
Megan O'Callaghan, City of Dublin

Kyle O'Keefe, Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio
Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard
Chair Jim Schimmer, Franklin County, Economic Development & Planning
Alana Shockey, City of Columbus
Dan Sowry, Ohio EPA
Eric Walli, Honda North America, Inc.

Public Present

Joe Florida, Power a Clean Future Ohio

Adam Porr, OSU CURA

MORPC Staff Present

Kerstin Carr
Jon-Paul d'Aversa
Joe Garrity
Ted Geer

Natalie Hurst
Lynn Kaufman
Amanda McEldowney

William Murdock
Stephen Patchan
Edwina Teye

Melinda Vonstein
Brandi Whetstone
Brooke White

Called to Order at 2:31 pm.

Welcome and Announcements

Several Committee Member terms will expire on December 31, 2020, and MORPC staff will contact affected Members to discuss reappointments. New Members will be added in 2021.

Power a Clean Future Ohio – Joe Florida, Executive Director

Click [here](#) to see the presentation.

Policy Update – Joe Garrity, MORPC

Click [here](#) to see the presentation.

Virtual Summit on Sustainability Event Overview –

Chair Schimmer praised MORPC staff for their performance at the recent Summit on Sustainability. Amanda McEldowney thanked Members and staff for their support and partnership. The 2020 Summit was the first ever virtual Summit, with 350 attendees, two general sessions, and 15 breakout sessions. All the sessions were recorded, and can be found at <https://www.morpc.org/summit2020/>

Regional Sustainability Dashboard Launch

The Regional Sustainability Dashboard, a collaboration of MORPC and OSU CURA, was launched at the Summit on Sustainability and received the Collaborative Achievement Award presented at the Summit. The Dashboard provides the most complete representation of the region's sustainability

goals, is intended for anyone with an interest in sustainability and is dynamically fed data as it becomes available. The Dashboard can be reached at rsd.morpc.org

Brandi will send Members a toolkit to help promote the Dashboard following the meeting.

Working Group Updates

Central Ohio Greenways Board

MORPC staff and Board leadership are working on the Trail and Active Transportation Prioritization project to use data to choose which projects to address. Example: The results reveal that if the Regional Trail Vision is complete and high stress roads within one mile of the trail network are improved, nearly 60% of Franklin County residents will have safe and comfortable access to the trail network within one mile of their home.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Board will meet on October 28, and the Chair of the Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team will announce the first meeting of the Team. Board Members will also discuss a funding application with the Ohio Water Development Authority to support creation of a collaborative water quality monitoring plan for the Upper Scioto. The Board will also discuss appointment of a new Vice Chair, as Mike Andrako, the current Vice Chair, will be assuming a new role with Franklin County Engineer's Office.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

The Air Quality Monitoring Subcommittee continues discussions with the Ohio EPA to collocate the low-cost PurpleAir monitors with a Federal Regulatory Monitor to calibrate the monitors.

The Solar Subcommittee is pursuing the SolSmart designation for the region. The SolSmart designation should come in 2021 at the Silver Level.

The proposed Diversity & Environmental Justice Subcommittee is in the process of conducting outreach to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of perspectives and developing an initial roster of Equity Subcommittee members from traditionally underserved communities

Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee

The Subcommittee has revised the timeline to reflect completion of the Agenda update in the first half of 2021. This will ensure that the Agenda is updated through a lens of social equity. Members and staff will be working with Dr. Jason Reece, Assistant Professor in the City & Regional Planning section of the Knowlton School of Architecture and faculty affiliate for the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity at The Ohio State University. His proposal includes capacity building activities to illuminate opportunities to integrate social equity considerations into the framework, provide resources for participants through this process, and hosting interactive engagement through an online workshop. The workshop will be held on November 18, 2020, at 2:00 pm.

Adjourned at 4:01 pm.