

Minutes of the Montgomery County SMM Task Force
July 5, 2018
Via conference call and in-person attendance – 6th floor, EOB

Called to order by Chairman Chaz Miller at 3 p.m.

Attending:

- Members: Chaz Miller, Robin Wiener, Ken Lavish, Caroline Taylor, Peter Ettinger, Keith Levchenko, Lauren Greenberger, Sara Bixby
- Staff: Willie Wainer
- Public: Mike Ewall, Chris Skaggs, Kitty McIlroy

Minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting: Motion by Ettinger, second by Taylor to approve. Carried unanimously.

Secretary for July 5, 2018: Bixby volunteered.

Benchmark communities for Task 2 “Benchmarking and Best Practices:” Members discussed the purpose of benchmarking in this project and whether benchmark communities should be entirely something to aspire to (best practices); whether they can be entities whose missteps we can learn from; or a combination of the two. Miller said both approaches can teach us a lot. HDR has the task of identifying and acknowledging the differences among the benchmark communities and especially in their approach to measurement/diversion. There is the potential to add other benchmark communities to the scope in the future at an additional cost, if deemed necessary.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ettinger to identify as benchmark communities: King County, WA; Austin, TX; San Francisco, CA; Toronto, ON; and Minneapolis, MN. Carried; with Greenberger opposed.

Stakeholder recommendations for Task 3 “Stakeholder, Citizen, and Expert Engagement Plan:” Stakeholders get notices for all of the Task Forces meetings and public input sessions. There were a couple of lengthy lists floated and discussed, with some but not all of those identified from within the Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC areas (DMV). Levchenko offered that those who are treated as stakeholders should have a stake in the outcomes for the Montgomery County systems (i.e., be more local). Greenberger said some of the people on the list she offered were not local and, though they would be wonderful resources, may not fit the definition of stakeholder. Apparent consensus around the idea of geographic proximity for stakeholders.

Confirmation from staff that more stakeholders can be added in the future to address a specific need or input gap.

Direction from Chairman Miller for everyone to send to Willie Wainer and Marilu Enciso their lists of specific regional or County-based groups or individuals to be included in the stakeholders list by close of business Monday. Include emails and contact information if available. If you have contacts among multi-family associations, homeowners associations, business groups, and other relevant interest groups, please include them by name and represented organization or interest area.

On the agenda for the next meeting: adopting the list of stakeholders.

Date for next meeting: July 18th, 5 to 7 p.m., 6th floor EOB if possible; conference call-in will be available.

Suggestion that we include some informational webinars on select topics (PAYT, zero waste, etc) at future meetings.

Public input: Ewall said he would be willing to provide webinar content.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Submitted, Sara Bixby