

EC4 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2015

(Conf. Room A)

In attendance:

Sheila Dormody (Chairwoman)
Andy Andrade
Diane Williamson
David Caldwell
Fred Presley (Vice-Chair)
Barbara Cardiff
Brigid Ryan (Secretary)
Al Dahlberg

Sheila Dormody (Chair) opened the meeting at approximately 9:05.

Chairwoman Dormody briefly reviewed the proposed agenda, followed by a vote to approve the November 20th meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved, followed by a discussion of the meeting schedule for the board. Diane Williamson abstained from voting on the November minutes. Chairwoman Dormody indicated she would try to keep today's meeting to only 1 hour in length.

Newly appointed board member Diane Williamson (Bristol, RI) offered a few remarks about her background and interest in working with the EC4 on the council's priorities.

Chairwoman Dormody led the group in discussion about some recent announcements: 1) The Governor's December 8th "Lead by Example" Executive Order on Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy for State Government; 2) the GHG Technical Committee for the RI GHG Emissions Reduction Study (Brigid Ryan is liaison to that project); 3) RI ZEV Action Plan & gaps in EV charging stations across RI; and 4) RI League of Cities & Towns annual conference in late January. Anyone who has comments/questions on the RI GHG Emissions Reduction Study can contact Brigid for further information.

Fred Presley (Vice-Chair) provided an update to the group on the progress of the Municipal working group on the targeted survey it has been designing/strategizing since the fall. It is intended to be very targeted and designed by municipal leaders for municipal leaders. He discussed the possibility of testing it with a focus group, with an aim to roll it out in the spring. Targeted audiences would include local DPW, Planning, EMA and building officials. Davis Caldwell asked about the availability of funding for projects that may be identified as priorities by local officials. Elizabeth Stone (RIDEM) offered a brief synopsis of the \$3 million bond that passed in 2014 and how that is being geared up to fund flooding mitigation projects (through a competitive grant process) in 2016. She also commented on new funding streams being rolled out by the RI Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) aimed at resilience and stormwater. Chairwoman Dormody and others explained the purpose and membership of the 4 working groups for Diane Williamson (new member) and engaged in a discussion about

how to recruit new members/participants. Utilizing an online calendar to advertise these types of meetings would be beneficial.

In closing, Brigid Ryan briefed the group on the work she is undertaking for *Energize Rhode Island* (a coalition aimed at supporting a carbon pricing legislative proposal in the RI General Assembly in 2016).

The Advisory Board will meet again on January 15, 2016 at 9:00 at DEM.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 AM.

(Notes prepared by Elizabeth Stone, RIDEM)