

FROM: Stephen C Brown, Vice-Chair
TO: Ann Arbor Environmental Commission
RE: Circular Economy Working Group Report

December 05, 2024

1. The Working Group met on November 20, and will continue to meet on third Wednesdays at 9AM online, using my ZOOM license
2. AGENDA
 - a. Review of Washtenaw County [Materials Management Plan](#) Committee (SMason)
 - i. Sarah Mason and Councilmember Jenn Cornell represent Ann Arbor
 - ii. Committee meets monthly for 17 months, livestreamed with a public comment period on each month's agenda, final report due to EGLE July 1, 2026. RRS has been contracted to collect data from each community and organize it. Diversion is the metric, and SMART goals have been demanded by EGLE, to be developed in 25Q1.
 - b. Social Media support of City's "More Life, Less Stuff" campaign (OSmyth)
 - c. Process to track State legislation for Council? Does one exist, and how can Commissioners access it? (Ask Lisa, Dharma)
 - d. Plan to develop Circular Economy Dashboard on City's website
 - i. OSI input-Will Garcia is leaving, so his replacement will be engaged.
3. Action points
 - a. ALL can view MMP livestreams, when posted. Next Committee meeting is December 11, see MMP website for details
 - b. SCBrown will invite Councilmember Jenn Cornell to attend Working Group meetings, as she is able.
 - c. SMason will invite Will Garcia or designate for our next meeting Dec. 18, 9AM to discuss OSI strategies for solid waste carbon neutrality.
 - d. OSmyth will develop ideas for social media support of "More life, less stuff"
 - e. SCBrown will respond to UofM student Jaidyn Opuni regarding her request for support of class project on food waste, and refer to Azella Markgraf as OSI's Food Sustainability Lead.