

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Women's Club

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7.10 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello, Liz Gottlieb
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Ackerman (Council Liaison, Acting Secretary), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair)
- STAFF: none
- GUESTS: none

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

- Was read by Patrick Costello

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

- Motion to approve the agenda and affidavit of posting (Motion: Costello; second: Gottlieb. AYES all.

**OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

- None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16 REGULAR MEETING AND JANUARY 21, 2024 RETREAT**

- Motion to approve; (Motion: Costello, Second: Gottlieb). AYES All

**STAFF UPDATE-SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR**

- Not present, now attending quarterly – next at March 2024 meeting.

**TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE**

- Council liaison not present
- Victory Village had difficulties with recent power outage-they have a battery for solar that needs connecting.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. Jody/subcommittee chairs to revisit, condense, and list top 3 priorities in green. Review and approve at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chair will set up monthly meetings with each subcommittee chair.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

- Discussed library events: Feb 15: Well attended. There were almost 30 in the audience, including about a dozen students from Archie Williams.

- Earth Day Event: Mill Valley will have a scaled down event this year, not run by Green Change but by the city, so we are thinking of having something in Fairfax on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in Bolinas Park. Perhaps we could include other Fairfax groups: Open Space, Tree Committee, Community Emergency Preparedness (CEPC), Ross Valley Fire/Fire Safe Marin, Age Friendly Fairfax, San Anselmo CAC, others. We might look for some sort of entertainment.
- Climate Action Film Night: We would like to show the Patagonia film, “Scale of Hope”. We might host it on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> at the Women’s Club or possibly Fairfax Theatre.
- Discussed tabling: San Anselmo would like to table with us again. Looking at Sundays, March 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> or May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Town Newsletter: Ask Sean to include Joe’s rebate information soon

### **TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

- Shakeshaft reported on Orange Outlet pilot program: Clear Result (MCE) now has an interest form for MFH owners for EV outlet installation. They will send out a consultant to advise. You do not have to have made a decision. Sheryl has spoken to and sent this information to four Fairfax MFH; Creekside, Sherwood Oaks, Lanai Apartments, Piper Court Apartments.
- Costello discussed E-Bike Incentive Program: Want to come up with a model for an EV bike rebate program. We have \$5,000 and will ask for \$5,000 more. \$500 for low-income folks. \$750 for cargo bikes. Discussed minimum age and income limits.
- EV Car & Bike Show, waiting to hear on funding for a May 19<sup>th</sup> event in Fairfax.

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES**

- Discussion of Home Energy Audits: Home Energy Score – nationally recognized assessment, 1-10. Federal program. BayRen is running a pilot in Bay Area/Marin. Goal is to educate people in Marin and make it optional for now.
- Town of Fairfax Green Building & Electrification Web Page – Joe to talk to Sean about some additions. We’d like to get it in the town newsletter.

### **SEQUESTRATION INITIATIVES**

- BioDiversity Resolution (encourages replacing landscaping with native plants that support pollinators). Ask the town to pass a proclamation. Discussed having a Biodiversity Day in Fairfax on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Fairfax Tree & Urban Forest Plan. Ask town about a tree inventory.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- CAC Regular Meetings: March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9.05 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Sheryl Shakeshaft.