

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Women's Club

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm.

ROLL CALL

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello, Liz Gottlieb, Bruce Ackerman (Council Liaison, Acting Secretary)
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: (none)
- STAFF: none
- GUESTS: Ariana Pillitteri (350Marin Intern), Ben Snyder, Neil Krauss

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Was read by Chair Timms

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- Motion to approve the agenda and affidavit of posting. AYES all.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Ben Snyder introduced himself as a new resident of San Rafael very interested in working on climate issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 2024 REGULAR MEETING

- Motion to approve. AYES All

STAFF UPDATE

- No staff present

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

- Updates as listed on agenda. Budget Workshop was held May 8, to be followed by a Budget Hearing May 22, and approval of the FY24-25 Budget at a subsequent Council Meeting.
- Pieter Colenbrander will do design work on the Pavilion electric this summer.
- It was requested that the status of the convening of BPAC to update the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan be reported on.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Jody stated that CAC is letting go of its separate website, so that is not a budget item. \$2000 has been requested for tabling and outreach; \$5000 for the 2025 EV/eBike Show,

and if possible \$500 for a no-idling campaign, plus \$5-7k for an inventory of trees on Town-owned land (San Rafael is looking for a state grant).

- The Fairfax Community Garden continues to be explored, and it is not yet clear in what way CAC might be able to help it, possibly to help publicize its availability. \$500 requested.
- Other budget items that have been asked for in a meeting between Chair Timms and Town Manager Abrams are \$5000 for a possible rainwater catchment demonstration, and \$3000 for a possible graywater demonstration. These could be on Town buildings.
- Ready-Set-Replace company was purchased by Carbon Free Homes and is in a reorganization phase.
- The state Assembly is discussing a possible Climate Bond of \$60 Million.
- Chair Timms spoke at the MCL Climate Action Working Group meeting on May 15 (which was recorded):
 - Novato Sustainability Commission (Bob Brown chairing) is developing their CAP
 - Jody and Bob spoke; Bob suggested a meeting of CAC members from all towns, with MCEP invited as well. Before she left the County, Alex Porteshawver pulled together the CAC Chairs
 - The Board of Supervisors has a standing committee that works with the staff sustainability team

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- The first-ever Fairfax Earth Day Event in Bolinas Park, with CAC and other groups tabling, was a success, though in the future greater publicity would help, as well as coordination with the Town and Police Department. PARC Approved.
- The May 19 EV/Bike Show, co-sponsored by Fairfax and San Anselmo CACs, was well-attended, showing lots of interest. Ride & Drive Clean got 100 signups.
- The Repair Fair at the Library was fun and very well-attended. This was the first in Marin. Jody, Bruce and Ariana all attended. Liz described a related organization, Ridwell.
- The application has been submitted for CAC to walk in the parade June 8.
- Tabling will be needed for EcoFest June 8-9. It has been moved to the ballfield so it is not as well trafficked as when it was in the Pavilion. Green Change might bring their “roadshow” on Saturday. Sheryl will apply for CAC participation on Saturday.
- Tabling at Farmer’s Market – Jody investigating.
- Possible showing of “Scale of Hope” at Fairfax Theater 6/21 or 6/28?

TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

- Fairfax eligible for a \$100K technical assistance grant from MTC
- E-Bike rebate program – Application form being created by Ariana.
- Jody will send a link to the Countywide Transportation Plan Survey.
- Jody reported that the Integrative Charging “laundromat” model for multifamily housing EV charging has signed a contract in Sausalito.

SEQUESTRATION INITIATIVES

- The Community Garden is owned by the Library (but maintained by Fairfax Volunteers), and they hope to eventually develop an educational walkway which might connect with

the Garden. Will continue to try to learn if there is a way to promote or otherwise help with the Community Garden.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

- BayREN has changed or is changing all their rebate programs; check their website for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The East Bay Green Home Tour will be 1 hour virtual and then in-person, visiting many homes (the logistics seem daunting but should be a great tour).
- CAC Regular Meetings: June 18, July 16, Aug 20, pending members' vacation schedules.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Bruce Ackerman, acting secretary.