

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Women's Club

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 via Zoom), Adriana "Jonna" Smyth

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

- Was read by Jody

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

- Motion (Patrick/Joe) to approve the agenda and affidavit of posting. AYES all.

**OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

- Adriana Smyth introduced herself, and said she intended to apply for membership.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2024 REGULAR MEETING**

- Motion (Patrick/Liz) to approve. AYES All

**STAFF UPDATE**

- No staff present

**TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

- Interviewing by the Town Managers of applicants for the shared Climate Coordinator staff position has begun.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Chair Timms presented the revised (per last meeting comments) draft of the 2023-24 Annual Action Plan Report.
- Motion (Liz/Patrick) to approve. AYES All. Jody will send to Town Manager Abrams.
- The 2024-25 Annual Action Plan (which was previously approved by the committee) was reviewed, for the benefit of subcommittee chairs' planning.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

- After the successful June 28 showing of “Scale of Hope” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrmKoU2Oe5I>) with Josh Murphy speaking, it was discussed what other presentations might be done.
  - Another Patagonia film “Artifishial” is about salmon – hard to watch.
  - Purple Mountains? <https://www.purplemountainsfilm.com>
  - Also “Do I Need This?”, by a local filmmaker (Rudy Contratti is in it!) – about consumerism, excess, the stuff of which happiness is made. The filmmaker has reached out to Jody about showing it. Liz suggested maybe 11/22 (Black Friday)?
  - Jody suggested a \$100 “speaker fee” to be paid to speakers. All agreed that Jody should discuss this possibility with Town Manager Abrams.
  - Liz suggested a film “Guardian” by Courtney Querin, about salmon.
- Tabling at Farmer’s Market tomorrow and 8/7, and maybe 9/4.
- Possible tabling at Picnic (5 hours) Sunday 9/15? Jody will check with Maria Baird.
- Joe will send a Town Newsletter suggestion for a link to the updated electrification incentives document.

#### **TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

- Fleet EV grant, possibly useful for Police vehicles? Patrick and Jody will reach out to Loren.
- Patrick stated that the committee should do more education about EVs – battery recycling, new materials, etc. Patrick and Bruce will brainstorm.

#### **SEQUESTRATION INITIATIVES**

- Ray Moritz has done 5-6 tree inventories for Fairfax. Loren, Ray and the Sequestration Subcommittee will meet at Doc Edgar Park to quantify the sequestration there.
- Discussed where chips go (after tree workers do their work). Tree ordinance does not discuss this.
- Biodiversity event at Library – Liz is taking the lead. For 9/7 Biodiversity Day.

#### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES**

- Electrification of new construction ordinances – Marin municipalities’ responses discussed.
- Dark sky ordinance is being studied by Planning Commission.

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

- As listed on Agenda
- Next CAC Meeting August 20

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Bruce Ackerman, acting secretary.