

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Regular Monthly Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (acting as Chair), Peter Lacques (Council Member); Bruce Ackerman (Council Member), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Gail Koffman, Kiki La Porta, David Haskell, Walt Vernon

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Cassidy DeBaker, Jennifer Hammond

GUESTS: Laura Vernon, Kat Steele

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Jody volunteered to chair and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Agenda approved after moving item #5. (Guest Speaker) to #3 and adding budget discussion as an item between items #6 and #7.

**5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY, SPECIAL MEETING, AND APRIL MINUTES**

- Postponed approval of April minutes until next month – Jody to give final changes to Joanne
- January minutes not available (David will provide for next meeting.)
- Special Meeting (February 2019) minutes completed, to be approved next month
- Joanne to send approved minutes to Michele Gardner next month.

**4. PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

- May 7 – David and Kiki attended the 3rd Annual Sustainable Bay Area Network Gathering, a meeting of local sustainable community organizations. Item of note: Charidy, a fundraising organization, suggested setting up a day of giving to raise funds to be shared among local organizations.
- May 15 –Anti-5G protest in San Rafael at noon
- May 15 – Green New Deal Town Hall in Santa Rosa, 6 pm -8 pm (presented by 350 Sonoma)
- May 21 – Climate One event at Commonwealth Club, SF, 6:30 pm, topic Youth Action on Climate
- May 26 – Sunrise Movement Green New Deal Town Hall, 11:30 am -1:30 pm at Fairfax Women’s Club
- June 24 – 350 Marin event at Fairfax Library, 7-8 pm, with Drive Clean Marin and MCE.

**3. GUEST SPEAKER: KURT JOHNSON (SA sustainability commission)**

- Kiki introduced Kurt Johnson of the San Anselmo Sustainability Commission, who was invited to talk about strategies and successes as they work with the San Anselmo town council and planning commission to install more EV chargers in town and implement other actions.
- Goals:
  - 3000 EV cars in San Anselmo by 2030
  - 162 EV chargers in town by 2030 to support 3000 EVs
  - Introduce EVs to town fleet, starting with 3 leased Nissan Leafs
  - Eliminate single use cups; require businesses to charge 25¢ for cups
  - With Title 24 building codes, require dedicated 40 amp circuit to support EV chargers
- Actions and strategies;
  - Updated General Plan to support adding EV chargers in public space
  - Town staff liaison/planner attends Sustainability meetings
  - Updating CAP to include EV goals
  - Looking at possible grants to support installation of EV chargers. Noted PG&E has best grant option for 10 or more stations.
  - Encouraging public and members of sustainability-focused organizations to attend town meetings and speak up in support of climate initiatives.
- Jody and David proposed more collaboration and support between Fairfax and San Anselmo to work on CAP update and achieve our common goals.

**6. CONSIDER GUEST SPEAKER FROM ADVANCED COMMUNITY ENERGY, DISCUSS POWERPOINT (DAVID)**

- Advanced Community Energy proposes a local energy strategy, redefining what public utilities could be in future. Possibly pilot a program in Fairfax.

**7. BUDGET DISCUSSION (agenda item added by Bruce)**

First draft of town budget just reviewed in special council meeting. Discussed proposal for funding CAC. Currently have \$750 for CAC.

- Motion made and seconded to ask Town Council for \$2000 annual funding for CAC campaigns and outreach, plus 4 hours per month of staff planner’s time to support CAC.
- Bruce and Walt to work as sub-committee to create detailed lists of budget-related requests to Town Council, ideally completed before June 5 Town Council meeting.
- Jody identified need to create a process for identifying budget requests to submit each year in time for budget planning.
- Request made to put budget discussion on June 2019 CAC meeting agenda, may need to be regular agenda item.
- Bruce noted that Sustainable Fairfax should submit their receipts directly to town for refund, rather than pulling from CAC budget. (Joanne to notify Jennifer)
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**8. 2019 ANNUAL PLAN/GOALS UPDATE**

- Keep updates on Annual Action Plan on agenda each month, with regular reports on progress of annual plan.
- Walt noted that for #6 goal in Action Plan, he was thinking more of supporting a specific community project rather than general local and county efforts. (Example is working with Grid Alternatives for a solar project)
- Subcommittees should meet before June 11 CAC meeting to review and refine goals.
- Joanne to forward list of sub-committee members for each action plan goal to all members.
- Jody to send Kate Sears slide from Firestorm meeting showing list of actions to reduce emissions to 90% of 1990 levels.

**9. CAP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE (BRUCE, KIKI, JODY, JENNIFER, GAIL, KAT)**

- Bruce to set up subcommittee meeting before June 11 CAC meeting.

**10. NEW BUILDINGS-NET ZERO ENERGY-ZERO SUBCOMMITTEE (PETER, WALT, KIKI, DAVID) Goals 3 and 7**

- Update from Peter and Walt with spreadsheet provided. Proposed the following:
  - Enact ordinances for new construction, 50% remodels (mentioned Title 22 upgrades), require replacing gas with electric when gas appliances fail (2023)
  - Commercial businesses converted to electric by 2023
  - Residences converted to electric by 2030
  - Set benchmarks for residential upgrades
  - Communicate through various channels to prepare residents/businesses
  - Kurt suggested using town newsletter to share these plans
  - Walt will report at June town council meeting

**11. CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP WITH GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA: GREENCITIESCALIFORNIA.ORG (WALT)**

- Discussion deferred until future meeting.

**12. REPORT ON MCEP SUMMARY FROM KARA SPENCER. INVITE KARA TO MEETING. (PETER, CASSIDY)**

- Peter sending Kara an invitation to attend a CAC meeting to introduce her and get in-person update.

**13. UPDATE ON WEBSITE AND EMAIL LIST (JOANNE AND JENNIFER)**

- Jennifer and Joanne met. Joanne now has access to CAC website and CAC Mailchimp account. Entered known email contacts.
- Bruce will gather his email list of people interested in CAC updates and send to Joanne to enter into Mailchimp.
- Communications to be added to June agenda to plan updates to website and communications through email.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary