

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Cassidy DeBaker, (Chair) Jennifer Hammond (Vice-Chair), Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Council Member), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Kiki La Porta, David Haskell, Walt Vernon

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Koffman, Peter Lacques (Council Member)

GUESTS: Christopher Lang

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved after moving item #7 (MCEP summary) to #3, #8 (Subcommittee reports) to #4, #4 (Public Expression) to #6, #5 (2019 Annual Plan) to #7, #6 (Budget) to #8, #11 (Website and email updates) to #10, and #10 (Green Cities membership) to #11.

3. REPORT ON MCEP SUMMARY FROM KARA SPENCER (CASSIDY AND PETER)

- MCEP supports a cohesive approach to climate action goals across Marin County. Meetings are first Wednesday of the month. Kara Spencer attends MCEP meetings, representing the town of Fairfax.
- One MCEP goal: take the lead on a model ordinance for single-use plastic, starting with fast-food/restaurant usage. If towns adopt the ordinance, the county will provide enforcement. Planning Commission is leading the effort; Kara to get name of primary contact.
- CAC asked if Kara could provide MCEP agenda prior to each meeting, which would allow CAC to help Kara prepare for the meeting by calling out items of particular interest to CAC, submitting questions for her to ask, or providing a statement where appropriate.
- CAC should send comments relating to upcoming MCEP agenda items to Cassidy or Peter to pass on to Kara.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATES

- See item #7

5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY, SPECIAL MEETING (FEBRUARY), APRIL, AND MAY MINUTES

- January, Special Meeting, April and May minutes approved.
- Joanne to send approved minutes to Michele Gardner.

6. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Monday, June 24, 7-8 pm at Fairfax Library: 350 Marin/Sustainable Fairfax/Drawdown Marin Community conversation event: “Plug in Deep Green”
- Tuesday, June 11, 5:30-6:30: Sunrise Marin at Fairfax Library
- Update on San Anselmo climate action plan: Bruce reports SA council should be adopting the climate action plan tonight
- Third Wednesday each month, 6:30-7:00 at Good Earth: Sustainable Fairfax offers waste-less shopping tour
- Climate Reality Leadership Committee is currently working on EVs, suggested inviting them to CAC meeting, attending for public expression and speaking for a few minutes

7. 2019 ANNUAL PLAN/GOALS UPDATE

- Walt reported on ordinance, town-to-carbon neutral, and electrify-everything subcommittees:
 - #3-Ordinance committee: Title 24 takes effect 1/1/2020, applies to new and 50% remodeled buildings, committee proposes recommending new ordinance to include replacement of natural gas appliances with electric. Requested adding to July CAC meeting agenda, present to town council at July 17 meeting.
 - #4-Town-to-carbon neutral: \$20K in town budget to invest towards this goal, still working on prioritizing the efforts for town energy upgrades.
 - #7-Continuity of power: exploring options other than diesel generators as backup for PG&E shutdowns and other power emergencies. Considering on-site batteries, micro-grid, carbon offsets. Carbon offset estimate is \$3600 – recommending setting that amount aside as grant fund for residents willing to move to electric.
 - #9-Recommended working with Sustainable Fairfax to engage community and promote voluntary moves from gas to electric.
 - #3, #7-Based on further comments from David, Kiki, Bruce, formed subcommittee (David, Joanne, Cassidy, Kiki) to work on support for all building owners to be greenhouse gas (GHG)-free by 2030.
 - #3, #7-Kiki asked to talk in July about connecting with businesses about move to GHG free.
- #2-Bruce reported on CAP subcommittee: met in May, focusing on vision statement. Next meeting will focus on process for updating CAP, followed by special one-day meeting to work through entire plan.
- #5-Jody reported on vulnerability assessment: Using Marin County list of top ten areas of impact to create tool to guide residents and businesses in preparing for top areas of vulnerability; plan to organize community events, share block captain program, encourage people to know neighbors
- #8-Transportation: no report this month

8. BUDGET DISCUSSION

- Confirmed town council approved \$2000 for CAC, \$20,000 towards making the town GHG-neutral.

9. ADVANCED COMMUNITY ENERGY, PILOT A PROGRAM IN FAIRFAX? (DAVID)

- David recommends putting together a “salon” of interested parties to discuss further.

10. UPDATE ON WEBSITE AND EMAIL LIST (JOANNE AND JENNIFER)

- Nothing new to report, next steps, work on growing email list, plan communications for website and newsletter.

11. CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP WITH GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA

- Decided to remove this item.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 9:12

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary