

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Hammond (Vice-Chair), Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Council Member), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Kiki La Porta, David Haskell, Gail Koffman, Christopher Lang
CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Cassidy DeBaker, (Chair) Peter Lacques (Council Member), Walt Vernon
GUESTS: Kat Steele

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Jennifer called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved.

3. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

- June minutes approved with one change: add Annual Action Plan goal numbers to subcommittee reports.

4. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Bruce: Members of Sunrise Marin gathered to watch democratic presidential candidate debates
- Thursday, August 22, San Francisco action at federal building, first day of DNC meeting, voting on whether to hold debate on climate; members of Sunrise movement looking for housing for visiting members coming to support events related to DNC meetings August 22-25.
- September 20-27, global climate strikes planned (from school and work), with actions throughout the week including march in SF. Greta Thunberg expected to attend. Details on 350 Marin website.
- 350 Marin offering and event on “Good Grief” (10-week online support group for processing and acting on climate issues, dealing with depression, anxiety, etc.)
- Thursday, September 5, in Pt. Reyes - Main Street Moms presentation on gerrymandering in evening – get flyer from Kiki
- David: reported on Sustainable Marin gathering at their house, discussing ideas on how to generate county-wide and higher level coordinated actions
- Kiki: Marin Drawdown intends to be the prime driver of actions re: renewable energy, transportation, carbon sequestration, resilient neighborhoods, green building, policy for all. Suggested taking more ownership of Drawdown. Jody noted that Drawdown efforts tie in to CAC Action Plan goal #6, Support local and county climate change events and related actions.

- Sustainable Fairfax – could take on some issues that CAC isn't working on or can't work on
- Kat: Climate Reality training – would like to include how to make change at government or business level

5. DRIVE CLEAN MARIN PRESENTATION (ROBIN KOLLER)

- Postponed

6. 2019 ANNUAL PLAN/GOALS UPDATE

- Goal #2 – Climate Action Plan subcommittee to schedule second meeting. (Kiki, Jody, Joanne, Gail, Bruce, Jen)
- Goal #3 – Ordinances and resolutions to town council. Per David, Walt and Peter almost ready to present proposal to Council. (Peter, Walt, David)
- Goal #4 - Carbon-neutral town operations. Looking into central solar installation to support multiple operations (microgrids); how much solar can contribute to offset carbon output; emergency planning and backup for power outages. PGE working with county on shelters in case of power shutdown. Suggested bringing community members and organizations together to talk through logistics of a multi-day shutdown; taking care of the most vulnerable in our community. Microgrid discussed for pavilion/town buildings. Pavilion currently not approved shelter site, additional FEMA funding coming, may help town bring up to standards. Present as recommendation to council. (Walt, Peter)
- Goal #5 - Vulnerability assessment. What are the risks, how has town prepared? Created draft document identifying main threats (from County plan) to help people prioritize based on location of home, etc. Include info on how to prepare, with links to resources. Bruce suggested referring to Fairfax General Plan. Jody to send out copy of her draft vulnerability assessment doc for CAC to review and comment on. (Jody, Gail)
- Goal #6 – Support local climate change events. No update. (All)
- Goal #7 – Electrify all, optimize energy efficiency. No update. (David, Walt)
- Goal #8 – Transportation. No update, subcommittee (Bruce, Gail, David) has not met. Chris would like to join subcommittee. (Bruce, David, Gail)
- Goal #9 – Sustainable Fairfax holding community cleanout day 8/24, 10-4. Sustainable shopping demo on third Wednesday each month 6:30 at Good Earth. September 21, Fairfax on Foot hike with speakers, meet at end of Glen Drive, 4:00 pm. September 22, 10:00 am, compost and soil help at Fairfax Backyard Farmer. (All)

7. BUDGET DISCUSSION

- Discussion postponed until next month – talked about more tabling supplies, a banner, flyers, small stands, post cards, etc. Kiki can design and make print ready.

8. PROPOSED LOCAL BUILDING ORDINANCE RELATED TO TITLE 24/REACH CODE (WALT)

- Postponed

9. COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE FAIRFAX (JOANNE AND JENNIFER)

- Nothing to report – subcommittee to meet (Kiki, Cassidy, Jen, Joanne)

10. REPORT ON MCEP SUMMARY FROM KARA SPENCER (CASSIDY/JENNIFER)

- Postponed

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:51

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary