

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

- Regular Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Ackerman (Council member), David Haskell, Kiki La Porta, Walt Vernon, Christopher Lang, Jody Timms

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Cassidy DeBaker (Chair), Jennifer Hammond (Vice-Chair), Peter Lacques (Council member), Gail Koffman, Joanne Lasnier,

GUESTS: Laura Vernon, Joe Hewlings

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Jody (acting as Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approved Modified Agenda

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes from October 8 approved

4. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Laura suggested that Sustainable Fairfax could be the “boots on the ground” to help build CAC programs – Expressed the need to collaborate, coordinate and cooperate. General concurrence by all present to the suggestion. It was agreed that this topic should be moved to an upcoming CAC meeting. Also looking at expanding the different organizations to become Climate Advocates –e.g. RVFD; Chamber of Commerce; School Districts, etc.
- Craft Fair on Dec. 4 11-5 – table opportunities.
- This year is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

5. ANNUAL BUDGET

- \$2,000 approved for FY2019
- Town budget discussions begin in Aug. for FY2021. Best to prepare any proposals in May and send to staff

6. ANNUAL PLAN

- Goal #1 - Climate Emergency Resolution passed

- Goal #2 - CAP Update: Suggested that we move towards a “Consumption Plan” - Refer to Ellie Cohen’s handout. Need to review the existing CAP through the lens of Ellie’s handout. Committee discussed change in process with members getting together in a “working party.” Chris suggested that we look at other towns’ CAPs to get ideas to make the Town of Fairfax an example.

7. REVIEW ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FAIRFAX BUILDING CODE TO REQUIRE HIGHER ENERGY PERFORMANCE FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED LOW-RISE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES (WALT)

- Walt tabled a draft ordinance for new low rise residential “to encourage everyone to adopt an all-electric home.” The committee concurs with Walt’s recommendation and directs him to talk with Mark Lockaby to start the process for the adoption of the proposed Reach Code.
- Kiki noted that the County has adopted a new low-carbon cement ordinance.

8. TOWN OF FAIRFAX OPERATIONS BUILDING ENERGY AUDIT (WALT)

- Energy Audit: Town budgeted \$20K for energy upgrade. Walt presented “Energy Audit for Town “ facilities. Walt further recommends the establishment of a carbon offset program where Town could purchase of carbon-offsets and the revenue generated from that action would then go to reduce GHG gasses from Town / community operations. Walt is to meet with Garret to discuss and review the \$20K proposed expenditures.

9. TOWN PURCHASING POLICY: REVIEW DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (CHRIS)

- Committee requested to have a chance to review the proposed \$20K expenditure so it can review how the money is being spent. Chris is to ask Garret about efficacy of existing purchasing polies.

10. DISCUSS PROPOSALS: CLASS II BIKE LANE ON BROADWAY, 3 CROSSWALKS ON BROADWAY, IMPROVED SHOULDER ON AZALEA (CHRIS)

- Chris made several suggestions to improve multi-model transportation options focusing on safety and conductivity with an eye for getting something ready for MTA funding. Chris to email resolution/material to the committee.

11. REPORT ON MCEP SUMMARY FROM KARA SPENCER

- Postponed

12. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (JOANNE)

- Postponed

13. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by David Haskell