

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Vernon (Chair), Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Council Member), Kiki La Porta, David Haskell, Christopher Lang, Stephanie Hellman (Council Member), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Jen Hammond

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Cassidy DeBaker (Vice-Chair)

GUESTS: Laura Vernon, Rick Hamer, Tim Lea

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Walt called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING AND MARCH SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes approved, with minor edits to March 1 Special Meeting minutes.

4. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Rick Hamer (Guest) is interested in projects outlined in March Town Council Meeting.
- Tim Lea (Guest) is interested in learning more about what we are doing
- Kiki – attended San Anselmo sustainability meeting last night – gave update on our proposal and budget for shared sustainability coordinator, and possibility of Ross joining in
- Kiki – gave public comment to Transportation Authority of Marin re: Drive Clean funding to be sure it is used
- Dave – Kurt Johnson (Chair of San Anselmo Sustainability Commission) wants to be kept in the loop re: our actions on a regular basis, Kiki to give Joanne contact info
- Laura: Double-Down/Up Deep Green – email coming out announcing challenge, Laura will share with CAC, 7 day communications blitz coming in April. Drake High School students are creating three-minute video to support campaign, working to hold tabling events throughout the county
- Jody – monthly conference call for Marin cities working to get all Marin cities to declare climate emergency – this Thursday, invited to join 6-7:30, Zoom call; Also, 350 Marin is participating in Mar 27 Greenbrae event protesting largest bank investors in fossil fuels. (Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Chase)
- Chris – working to get town to install three more crosswalks – checking on status. Bruce recommends Chris bring to Town Council directly and present as part of public comment, share any related docs with Michele Gardner and Council, ask to add to Town Council meeting agenda
- Jen/Laura – Sustainable Fairfax launching Climate Action Now meeting Mar 19, 6-7, Indie Alley

- Jen – Free compost available Sat Mar 21 at ballpark, bring your own buckets, certified organic; Sat Apr 25 is Take-Back day
- EV event coming up at College of Marin – Drive Clean Marin

5. FAIRFAX CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE: CHRISTINE O'ROURKE, MCEP SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

- Christine unable to attend tonight. The plan is to invite her to April regular meeting, and to a CAP subcommittee meeting.
- CAP committee meeting scheduled for Thursday to work on Community Engagement section.
- Jody proposed covering one section at each regular CAC meeting beginning in May.
- Will send draft to Christine for review and comment.
- Walt – proposed keeping town and community updated on CAP progress
- Jody suggested creating one-page summary of 2020 goals/A3s, similar to 2019 Action Plan summary. Walt to circulate what they included in the packet for the March 4 Town Council Meeting. Suggested adding to CAC website. Kiki offered to format when draft is completed

6. RECAP MARCH 4 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- Feedback given by all on what worked, where we could improve. Still need to develop effective process for working with Council and Staff to implement climate action plans.
- Need to confirm how to spend our \$20K before June 30, starting with upgrading Women's club. Need proposals for improving energy efficiency, moving to renewable energy systems and appliances.
- Walt asked carbon neutral committee (Chris, Bruce, Dave) to come up with a plan for spending our \$20K on women's club and/or other buildings
- Stephanie is meeting with Garrett tomorrow, will ask for direction on working with a town staff person to plan how to spend the \$20K

7. SET NEXT STEPS FOR REMAINDER OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

- Walt outlined action items from the list shared with Town Council to be completed in next 4 months.

8. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR PRIORITY A3S

- Double households/businesses using renewable energy: Joanne, Stephanie, Cassidy
- Build community engagement and support: Jody, Jen, Kiki
- Town operations to carbon neutral: Bruce, David, Chris

9. STRUCTURE FOR FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Monthly reports from each subcommittee
- Monthly reports from CAC to Town Council

10. UPDATE ON APRIL 19 EARTH DAY EVENT

- Laura – gave overview of event theme, goals, asked for input

- Discussed risk of COVID-19 virus issues, possibly change to simpler outdoor tabling event, subcommittee will continue planning

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Walt created blog on CAC website – Walt is posting, subscribe button available, encouraged committee members to subscribe

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 9:07 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary