

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

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

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Cassidy DeBaker (Vice-Chair), Chris Lang

GUESTS: Rick Hamer, Courtney Richardson, Renee Goddard

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Walt called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved.

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

- Minutes approved, with minor edits from Bruce.

4. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Rick Hamer (Guest) suggested we consider adding ultraviolet light disinfectant as part of the Fairfax Pavilion project.

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

- Jody asked for comments on draft sections distributed on 5/10
- Christine presented overview of survey
- Discussion followed on how/when to distribute survey, what to do with results (adjust CAP as needed based on input)

6. BUILD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Subcommittee has not met; plan is to highlight Fairfax "Green" businesses; reach out to local organizations
- Noted that Walt is blogging weekly

7. CARBON-NEUTRAL TOWN OPERATIONS

- Women’s club project: Goal is carbon-neutral in 2021, start with improving energy efficiency and needed infrastructure maintenance. COVID-19 has delayed plans for thorough building walk-through.
- Microgrid project: Pavilion is first focus for this project. Bruce submitted proposal to add inverter with two EV charging ports, allowing EV to provide additional battery storage that can be discharged as needed. Cost estimate \$12K.
- David presented the Fairfax Community Combine graphic/pdf, illustrating how the Town’s climate resiliency projects might be funded.
- Attending members voted unanimously passed a resolution to ask the Fairfax Town Council to commit funds for fiscal year 2020-2021 towards the Town’s Climate Action Plan as follows:
 - \$15,000 for the Fairfax Pavilion Resiliency Center project, with possible rebate to come later
 - \$5,000 for carbon offset funding to help support commercial and residential projects that reduce GHG emissions

8. DOUBLE MCE/RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Planning to write article for Drake newsletter highlighting student-produced video promoting MCE Deep Green; can also promote in other communication channels
- No change yet in Marin MCE numbers

9. IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES

- No updates

10. BUILD CAPACITY AND EFFECTIVENESS

- Walt proposed moving regular meetings to third week of each month to improve flow of CAC process in relation to Town Council meetings.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Jody reported on San Anselmo sustainability group meeting; they are interested in sharing half-time sustainability coordinator with Fairfax. Will be discussed at Fairfax Town Council budget meeting.
- Kiki thanked Courtney and Carbon-Neutral Town Committee members for all their hard work.
- Walt – brought up need to recruit new committee members

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 9:03 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary