

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Special Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Hellman (Council Member), Cassidy DeBaker (Vice-Chair), Chris Lang

GUESTS: Michele Rodriguez, Laura Vernon, Jo Carson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order 7:15 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- See above.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

- Approved.

**4. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

- Laura Vernon: Sustainable Fairfax offering a series of community chats to engage community and promote sustainable actions and Fairfax Open for Business.
- Jody Timms: Attended San Anselmo Sustainability Commission meeting. SASC is looking into Federal grant to acquire free movable EV-ARC platform with solar array and two charging stations; proposed ordinance to ban two-stroke engines; surveying residents opinions. Looking into Climate Solutions software, which Fairfax has put on hold due to cost. Overall, lots of potential for future partnership for both towns.

**5. APPROVAL OF JUNE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

- Approved.

**6. A3/SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (Accomplishments, Challenges, Next Steps):**

a. Complete Fairfax Climate Action Plan (CAP) update: (Timms, Ackerman, Hammond, Lasnier, Community Members Laura Vernon, Patrick Costello)

i. Accomplishments: All eight strategies completed

ii. Goals for next month: Write vision and introductions for each section, hold public meeting to review, finalize and distribute survey to town residents, Walt to work with Michele re: engaging community.

- iii. Help needed: Ask other CAC members to review and get comments to Jody.
- b. Build Community Engagement and Support (Hammond, LaPorta, Timms)
- i. Accomplishments:
    - 1. Monthly blog added to FB and Nextdoor, getting some responses.
    - 2. Better visibility on Fairfax website.
    - 3. Promoting Fairfax Deep Green businesses on new website.
  - ii. Goals for next month:
    - 1. Interview a Deep Green business,
    - 2. Promote CAP survey
  - iii. Help needed:
    - 1. Support Deep Green businesses
- c. Carbon-Neutral Town Operations (Haskell, Ackerman, Lang)
- i. Accomplishments: N/A
  - ii. Goals for next month:
    - 1. Meet regularly
  - iii. Help needed: N/A
- d. Double-Down MCE (Lasnier, Hellman, DeBaker, Community Member Laura Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments: N/A
  - ii. Goals for next month:
    - 1. Meet on August 13
    - 2. Set up recurring meetings
  - iii. Help needed: N/A
- e. Implementing Ordinances (Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments:
    - 1. With Stephanie's help, met with Garret Toy re: REACH codes; connected him with County contacts.
  - ii. Goals for next month:
    - 1. Support Garrett as needed to follow up on above
  - iii. Help needed:
    - 1. Could use a volunteer lawyer to help with above project
- f. Build capacity and effectiveness (Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments:
    - 1. Taj, a SeaDisc student at Drake HS, is interested in the CAC.
    - 2. San Anselmo and Sausalito climate committees interested in monthly meeting of Marin climate committees.
  - 3. ii. Goals for next month:

1. Contact SeaDisc teacher Sue Fox re: recruiting students to help with CAC projects
2. Set up monthly meeting of all Marin town climate action committees.
3. Recruit one student member for each CAC subcommittee
4. Joanne to take on management of CAC Google Docs folder, and confirm related Brown Act rules.

iii. Help needed:

1. Recruit new CAC members
2. Set date for retreat with Town Council, Bruce offered to help
3. Continue working with Garrett Toy.

## **7. MICROGRID PROJECT UPDATE (ACKERMAN, HASKELL, COMMUNITY MEMBERS COURTNEY RICHARDSON, JOHN SARTER)**

- Bruce: Ackerman: Meeting frequently. Courtney acting as project manager. Focusing on making Fairfax Pavilion a resiliency center and heart of future Town microgrid. MCE funding not available now due to compatibility issue between their software and proposed inverter. Project endorsed by Drawdown Marin as one of seven solutions to be completed by 2023.
- No progress on Clean Energy Coop – proposed making this a separate effort.

## **8. MEETING RHYTHM - VERNON**

- First week of month – Town Council Meeting
- Second week of month – Standing subcommittee meetings
- Third week of the month – Standing CAC meeting

## **9. RESOLUTION TO CHANGE MISSION STATEMENT**

- Change approved. Mission statement now reads: *The Mission of the Fairfax Climate Action Committee is to work with the Town Council and Town Residents to achieve the goal of zero emissions by 2030.*

## **10. CROSSWALKS AND BIKE LANES IN FAIRFAX**

- Bruce Ackerman: Revisiting this issue, Fairfax already has a bicycle/pedestrian master plan, although the related town committee has said no to adding a bike lane on Broadway. The Climate Action Committee has passed a resolution supporting the plan, and the Fairfax Climate Action Plan includes strategies to encourage more cycling and walking. The Climate Action Committee will continue to advocate for cycling and pedestrian paths.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- N/A

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary