

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 7:30 PM, Fairfax Community Center

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Review Town Staff recommendation for 2020 Building Codes

ATTENDANCE:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (chair for this meeting), Peter Lacques (Council Member), Bruce Ackerman (Council Member), Kiki La Porta, David Haskell, Christopher Lang, Walt Vernon (secretary for this meeting)

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Cassidy DeBaker, Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Jennifer Hammond (Vice-Chair), Gail Koffman

GUESTS: N/A

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Jody called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved.

3. REVIEW OF BUILDING CODE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TOWN STAFF

- We reviewed the Town Staff recommendation that the Town adopt Tier 1 requirements of Cal Green for all building elements OTHER than energy for both commercial and residential buildings. We compared these requirements to the Tier 2 requirements. David Haskell moved, and Kiki La Porta seconded the following: “The Climate Action Committee for the Town of Fairfax recommends that the Town Council adopt Tier 2 of Cal Green (Title 24, Part 11) in lieu of the current recommendation from town staff.” The motion passed unanimously.
- We reviewed the Town Staff recommendation that the Town adopt the mandatory requirements only from Cal Green for all building elements for both Commercial and Residential buildings. We compared four alternatives; the Mandatory requirements, the Tier 1 requirements, the Tier 2 requirements, and the CEC-recommended Reach Code that was recently passed by the County of Marin. The County of Marin is encouraging all jurisdictions in the county to adopt the same Reach Code as the County, and the County is prepared to assist Town Staff in the administrative requirements, including already-completed cost-effectiveness studies. David Haskell moved, and Kiki La Porta seconded the following motion: “The Climate Action Committee for the Town of Fairfax recommends that the Town Council adopt the Reach Code for Energy, as adopted and recommended by the County of Marin, as its 2020 Energy Code in lieu of the current recommendation from town staff.” The motion passed unanimously.
- We noted that we will likely recommend additional measures with respect to Tier 1 and natural gas phase-out early next year.
- The CAC requested that Mr. Vernon attend the next meeting of the Fairfax Town Council to report to them our recommendations, and to urge them to follow them.

4. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- We had no public expression.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Walt Vernon