

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Vernon (Chair), Jody Timms, Stephanie Hellman (Council Member), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Jen Hammond

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: David Haskell, Kiki LaPorta, Chris Lang, Bruce Ackerman (Council Member)

GUESTS: Richard Hamer, Beth Verdekai, Miran Hamsa

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order 7:12 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- See above.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- Approved.

4. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- N/A

5. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- Approved.

6. MCEP UPDATE – KARA SPENCER

- Kara could not attend this month

6. A3/SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

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

Beth Verdekai joined recent CAP subcommittee meeting; got overview of the CAP update project and link to CAP strategies for review; Walt suggested working with other town CAC committees and public works to look at town plans for CAP-related projects

i. Accomplishments:

1. Met with Christine O'Rourke via Zoom to look at two scenarios for CAP goals, chose Scenario B, with has goal of 85% GHG reduction.– over 100 survey responses, have rewritten 3 intros, added land acknowledgement
 2. Received over 100 responses to CAP survey
 3. Completed rewrites of three strategy introductions
- ii. Goals for next month
1. Analyze and report on survey results
 2. Continue updating CAP draft
- iii. Help needed
1. Feedback from CAC on CAP strategies
- b. Build Community Engagement and Support (Hammond, LaPorta, Timms)
- i. Accomplishments:
1. Held first community conversation On October 12, promoted on Town and CAC websites
- ii. Goals for next month:
1. Promote conversation series through Sustainable Fairfax, CAC email list, Nextdoor
- iii. Help needed:
1. N/A
- c. Double-Down MCE (Lasnier, Hellman, Community Member Laura Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments
1. Joanne met with Forrest (from San Anselmo CAC) to set goals and guidelines for the Deep Green “challenge.” First town to sign up 20% of town customers on Deep Green “wins.” Proposed setting up a sign at Butterfield/SFDB to track results.
- ii. Goals for next month:
1. Reach out to businesses
- iii. Help needed:
1. Support from Community Engagement subcommittee to promote the challenge
- d. Implementing Ordinances (Vernon)
- Phase out gas-powered landscaping equipment: Fairfax can follow San Anselmo’s lead – REACH code has been adopted in SA for natural gas, Stephanie affirms it’s better to adopt what county and other towns have done.
- i. Accomplishments:
1. N/A
- ii. Goals for next month:
1. Walt to follow up on REACH/other codes with Bruce, Stephanie; Beth may be able to provide legal opinion
- iii. Help needed
1. Add members to subcommittee
- e. Build capacity and effectiveness (Vernon)

- i. Accomplishments:
 - 1. Taj Motan applying for CAC membership
 - ii. Goals for next month:
 - 1. CAC members: reach out to potential future CAC members
 - iii. Help needed: N/A
- f. Microgrid project (Ackerman, Haskell)
- One Tam summit meeting on Thursday 10/29, 9-12 am, will cover our Microgrid project 9-12 pm.
- i. Accomplishments: N/A
 - ii. Goals for next month: N/A
 - iii. Help needed:
 - 1. Ask Bruce for report

7. GOOGLE DOCS UPDATE

- Joanne now has access to CAC Google docs owner ID.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- CAC needs to select new vice-chair – will add to November agenda
- Walt: Met with Sausalito and San Anselmo CACs. Sausalito CAC interested in MCE Deep Green challenge. Noted that Sausalito and San Anselmo have town staff that attend their CAC meetings.
- Annual retreat – move from January (for calendar year) to a date that syncs with Fairfax Town fiscal year? Or have mid-fiscal year meeting?
- Proposal made to hold CAC budget meeting in March; plan special December CAC meeting to propose budget for March meeting
- What is best time to hold Council/CAC retreat? Should we add this to Town Council Consent calendar?
- Marin County Grand Jury Climate Report: Every city/town needs to respond by December 11. Garrett will respond on behalf of Fairfax, Will add to CAC November agenda
- Proposed giving short CAC presentations at town council meetings, suggested Christine O'Rourke as one presenter, others?
- Should we add land acknowledgment to CAC Agenda, following Town Council's example. Add to next month's agenda?

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary