

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, September 15, 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), Stephanie Hellman (Council Member) Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Jen Hammond

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: David Haskell, Kiki LaPorta, Chris Lang

Note: Cassidy DeBaker has resigned from the Committee.

GUESTS: Richard Hamer

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order 7:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- See above.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- Approved.

4. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- On September 11 Marin Conservation League held meeting covering the Biden climate change plan
- On September 21, Lead on Climate will host a webinar on climate change with Jared Huffman, 4:00 pm
- Stephanie mentioned inspiring presentation from Environmental Forum of Martin earlier today.

5. APPROVAL OF AUGUST SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- Approved.

6. A3/SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

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

i. Accomplishments:

1. Shared summary of eight strategies with other CAC members for comment
2. Public survey completed and taken by CAC, ready for distribution to public

3. Decided we may not need sequestration/adaptation section, refer to countywide plan instead; focus on mitigation and include info on sequestration/adaptation in introductory section
- ii. Goals for next month:
 1. Meet with Christine O'Rourke on 9/24 to review GHG reductions data
 2. Review community survey results
 - iii. Help needed: Input from CAC or other interested parties on the 8 strategies;
- b. Build Community Engagement and Support (Hammond, LaPorta, Timms)
- i. Accomplishments:
 1. Set up community conversations online series, second Monday of each month, to engage community members interested in our climate action plan strategies. First session Oct 12.
 2. Planning to reach out through social media, town newsletter, Nextdoor, Sustainable Fairfax, etc.
 - ii. Goals for next month:
 1. Build email list, share CAC info with subscribers, Firewise groups, promote other climate-related projects, Greenchange calendar, personal action items
 2. Develop communication plan
 3. Follow up on plan for climate summit retreat with Town Council
 - iii. Help needed: N/A
- c. Double-Down MCE (Lasnier, Hellman, Community Member Laura Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments: Met to discuss plan to promote Deep Green contest with San Anselmo, Sausalito
 - ii. Goals for next month:
 1. Invite MCE speaker, learn more about MCE promotional options
 - iii. Help needed:
 1. Graphic artist support for a sign showing campaign progress (similar to "thermometer" signs showing fundraising results)
- d. Implementing Ordinances (Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments:
 1. Put REACH code issue on hold until after CAC/Town Council summit meeting
 - ii. Goals for next month:
 1. Walt to get copy of San Anselmo ordinance; work with Bruce to add to Town Council agenda
 - iii. Help needed: N/A
- Note: Discussed San Anselmo efforts to phase out gas-powered landscaping equipment, will add to October CAC agenda
- e. Build capacity and effectiveness (Vernon)
- i. Accomplishments:

1. Walt to follow up with Taj Motan, Drake HS SEA-DISC student re: applying to join CAC as youth member
- ii. Goals for next month: N/A
- iii. Help needed: N/A
- f. Microgrid project (Ackerman, Haskell)
 - i. Accomplishments: N/A
 - ii. Goals for next month: Meet with MCE for walkthrough of pavilion to consider alternate design that MCE could fund; work with MCE subcontractor GridScape
 - iii. Help needed: N/A

7. GOOGLE DOCS UPDATE

- Joanne to meet with Jen Hammond re: access to CAC Google Docs

8. BUDGET UPDATE

- No funds available currently; decided to remove from agendas until further notice

9. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary