

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Vernon called meeting at 7:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Vernon (Chair), Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Council Member), Stephanie Hellman (Council Member), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Chris Lang, Beth Verdekal
- CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: David Haskell, Kiki La Porta, Jennifer Hammond

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- M/S: Verdekal, Timms, Motion to approve the Agenda and Affidavit of Posting
AYES: Vernon, Timms, Ackerman, Hellman, Lasnier, Lang, Verdekal

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- *The Fairfax Climate Action Committee acknowledges that we are located on the un-ceded ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok people of present-day Marin County. We honor with gratitude the land itself, and all of its ancestors: past, present, and emerging.*

5. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- N/A
- Note: Bruce suggested adding an agenda item in future called “Announcements” after public expression, for CAC member announcements.

6. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- M/S: Lang, Ackerman, Motion to approve the November Regular meeting minutes with the following changes: Remove Jody from Community Engagement Subcommittee; Add note that Chris requested the following item be added to December Regular Meeting Agenda - review process for bringing CAC recommendations to Council and Staff
- AYES: Vernon, Timms, Ackerman, Hellman, Lasnier, Lang, Verdekal

7. A3/SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

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

i. Accomplishments:

1. Met three times; finished editing last two narratives, wrote social equity, 2030 vision and Fairfax past actions sections

ii. Goals for next month

1. Review and incorporate Walt's comments, review County and Drawdown plans and incorporate into our CAP where appropriate

iii. Help needed

1. N/A

Notes: We can review CAP strategies summary at December 19 retreat. Joanne to send updated strategies summary document.

b. Build Community Engagement and Support (Hammond, La Porta, Lasnier)

i. Accomplishments:

1. Weekly blog, newsletter promos, monthly community conversations, survey responses >100

ii. Goals for next month:

1. Resume community conversation series in January, close survey and publish results (Beth to create summary in January), Bruce will share spreadsheet of downloaded survey data.

iii. Help needed: Beth to join committee

c. Implementing Ordinances (Verdekal)

i. Accomplishments:

1. Beth is new chair, Walt proposed an alternate to REACH codes, Stephanie working with Garrett Toy re: REACH goals, Garrett committed to having Mark Lockaby work with County contact.

ii. Goals for next month: Review this at Saturday retreat

iii. Help needed: N/A

d. Build Capacity and Effectiveness (Vernon)

i. Accomplishments:

1. Beth Verdekal joined the CAC, Kara Spencer committed to attending monthly CAC meetings with MCEP updates

ii. Goals for next month:

1. Chris suggested making a priority of working with Town Council and Staff to implement CAC recommendations

iii. Help needed:

1. Walt would like a standing meeting with CAC Chair, Garrett Toy, and Mayor. Continue to recruit new committee members, looking to increase diversity in the committee

e. Microgrid project (Ackerman)

i. Accomplishments: N/A

ii. Goals for next month:

1. Continue working with MCE and Gridscape to find designer to take on project. Bruce provided recap of funding options and reasons for delay; MCE is offering funding, dependent on meeting their design requirements, which saves Fairfax money. COVID has also affected the project.

iii. Help needed: N/A

8. CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE NOMINATION FOR THE CHARLES MCGLASHAN AWARD – VERNON

- Nomination submitted.

9. RESCIND RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF MARIN COUNTY REACH CODES AND REPLACE WITH RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT ALL-ELECTRIC ORDINANCE SIMILAR TO SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, AND SAN JOSE - VERNON

- Discussion points:
 - No need to rescind previous resolution; add new recommendation to pass resolution to require all new construction to be all-electric by January 1, 2022
 - Recommend Town Staff continue to explore working with County to phase in energy REACH codes for major remodels (50% square footage) and replacement of natural gas appliances over the next few years
- M/S Hellman, Verdekal: Approve recommendation as edited in this meeting
AYES: Vernon, Ackerman, Hellman, Timms, Lang, Verdekal, Lasnier

10. PLAN DECEMBER 19 CAC SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT) – VERNON

- December 19 retreat: Review CAP to identify and rank top actions for fiscal year 2021-2022
- January 16 retreat: Review top actions list identified on December 19, plan how to accomplish in fiscal year 2021-2022 (budget and other resources)

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Chris to include his recommendation for agenda for January regular meeting. Fairfax action plan revisions – back to master plan for bike and pedestrian improvements. Requests CAC follow up to ensure resolutions get onto Town Council agendas.
- Beth: Proposed plan for directly engaging community starting January; street presence in Parkade with CAC-branded signs, posters; share CAP goals; integrate “street messaging” with website. Will work with Community Engagement subcommittee to plan.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- M/S, Lang/Hellman: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.
AYES: Ackerman, Hellman, Timms, Lang, Verdekal, Vernon, Lasnier

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary