

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Saturday, December 19, 2020, 9:00 AM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Vernon called meeting to order at 9:05 am.

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: Timms, Lang, 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

- Reviewed and confirmed monthly meetings schedule; Town Council first week, CAC subcommittee meetings second week of the month, regular CAC meeting third week, Town Council meeting third week.

6. PRIORITIZE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN STRATEGIES

- Reviewed “heat map” list of strategies that received the most votes from CAC members. Highlights below, Walt to provide finalized list:
 - Community Education and Outreach (includes efforts that support several other strategies):
 - Advocacy: Stressed importance of bringing Town Council, Staff, and CAC in alignment re: Fairfax Climate Action Plan
 - Engage residents with promotion/demos of EVs/EBs along with Drive Clean Bay Area and other resources
 - Promote food waste/composting through town program
 - MCE Deep Green
 - Promote renewable energy storage systems, EVs as backup battery source

- Promote carbon offsets (reframe as investment in climate mitigation rather than “offset”)
- ZEV: focus on eliminating gasoline-powered vehicles
- Microgrids/Solar/Battery Storage
- Energy Efficiency Programs
- Climate Summit, with emphasis on Town Staff participation
- Renewable fuels for Town vehicles; purchase E-Bikes for Town staff/police
- Noted: to help with budget requests, need contractors to estimate work needed for town building projects
- Beth accepted role of Chair for the Community Engagement subcommittee, outlined ideas for in 2021

7. CONFIRM GOALS FOR JANUARY SPECIAL MEETING

- Prior to January 16 Special Meeting:
 - Walt to revise spreadsheet and send out for voting before
 - CAC members will vote for top 3 priorities, and note which they are willing to work on
- Create 2021-2022 Action Plan from prioritized strategies

ADJOURNMENT

- M/S, Lang/Hellman: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.
AYES: Ackerman, Hellman, Timms, Lang, Verdekal, Vernon, Lasnier

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary