

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Vernon called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Vernon (Chair), Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Council Mayor), Stephanie Hellman (Council Vice-Mayor), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), Kiki La Porta, Christopher Lang, Mitch Greer,
- CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Hammond, David Haskell
- GUESTS: Jonathan Goldman (Interim Director of Public Works), Beth Craig, Arthur Lueck, Greg Smith, Ling Shien Bell, Chance Cutrano (Council Member)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- M/S: Hellman/Lang, Motion to approve the Agenda and Affidavit of Posting, with Item #4 moved after Item #8. interview to after Goldman updates
- AYES: Vernon, Timms, Hellman, Ackerman, Lang, Lasnier, La Porta, Greer

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

- Ling Shien Bell – supports ban on gas-powered leaf-blowers and similar landscaping equipment, encourages CAC to recommend Fairfax adopt the same ban the Town of San Anselmo has adopted.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS, PLUS AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETINGS – LASNIER

- Approval of July Special and Regular Meeting Minutes postponed until next month
- M/S Timms/Ackerman – motion to approve August and September Regular Meeting Minutes.

AYES: Vernon, Timms, Hellman, Ackerman, Lasnier, La Porta, Greer

ABSTAIN: Lang

7. MCEP UPDATE – GOLDMAN

Jonathon Goldman summarized September MCEP meeting minutes

- BayRen: identifying barriers that individuals experience in their efforts to advance energy efficiency and building electrification; finding ways for BayRen to address equity within Marin communities; presentation included with minutes
- Consultant Go to Zero hired by Cal Recycle to conduct edible food study, data will help implement SB 1383; looking for 50-70 Tier 1/Tier 2 commercial/edible food generators in Bay Area to use in study; if any are in Marin that data will give insight into county's status. Marin Sanitary Service also conducting a waste characterization study for its customers
- MCEP looking into county-wide ordinance that will increase compost volume of Marin waste (separate from SB 1383).
- EV readiness plan – subcommittee working on draft to be completed Jan-Feb 2022, present draft plan to TAM Board and Marin cities and towns, with adoption target of Apr-May 2022.

Timms – asked for copies of minutes and BAYREN presentation. Walt will send to all.

- Jonathon encouraged everyone to tour Marin Sanitary Services.

8. TOWN ELECTRIFICATION UPDATE - GOLDMAN

- Recommends CAC advise Council on actions as well as help find grants/funding to support budget requirements.
- Fairfax has not yet converted all the Town street lights to LEDs. Bruce and Jonathan can put together a proposal for review at next CAC meeting. Or, Jonathan can mention in his report at October 20 Town Council meeting.
- For Town fleet, reiterated need to build infrastructure to support purchase of electric vehicles outfitted for police and ready to go anytime, 24/7. Sees this as a policy direction for Town Council to consider.
- Women's Club: included wiring to support electric stove and water heater with recent electrical upgrades.
- Jody – re: about timeframe for swapping out of water heater and stove in Women's Club? Perhaps and induction stove? Jonathan: For minimal cost, planning to replace gas cooktop and water heater soon. Walt – we on this call strongly urge you to go with induction stove.
- Chris – is it reasonable to install small ductless heat pump in kitchen? And what about Pavilion kitchen? Jonathan: waiting for recommendation from contractor on options for the whole building, including kitchen. Focusing on other aspects of Pavilion upgrades before looking at kitchen.

Public Comment: N/A

4. NEW YOUTH APPLICANT FOR CAC: ARTHUR LUECK - VERNON

- Interview: CAC members interviewed Arthur Lueck

Public Comment: Greg Smith asked about availability over next year; Beth Craig asked how many weekly hours Arthur can offer for CAC

- M/S Hellman/Lang to appoint Arthur Lueck to CAC as youth member -
AYES: Timms, Ackerman, Lang, Hellman, Vernon, Greer, La Porta, Lasnier

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 minutes each)

- Buildings – Vernon
 - Focused on proposal for ARPA funds. Water proposal is ongoing. Energy proposal withdrawn, working to recast as weatherization program which consist of grants to residents, hoping to have more info for next CAC meeting, have begun work on a program for electrification of existing

- buildings, hoping to have more info for next CAC meeting; town electrification update included in Jonathon Goldman's update.
- Transportation – Timms
 - Working on promotion of EVs, may draft recommendation to Town Council on how to spend \$4500 funding coming from TAM - possibly collaborate with San Anselmo and Ross (who also will have Tam funds) on joint EV show at Archie Williams; Tam also has a \$300K contract to help cities promote EVs;
 - Waiting for draft of EV Readiness Plan to see where TAM recommends placement of EV charging stations
 - Spoke to Chance Cutrano about EV by 2030
 - Researching current Cash for Clunkers program
 - looking at how to support electrification of Town fleet.;
 - Possibility of installing EV charger at Fairfax Library, plus an upgrade to level 3 charger at Good Earth;
 - Ross Valley Fire is now looking into renewable diesel for their fleet
 - Noted Marin Transit program for free rides for seniors, and planned acquisition of more electric vehicles.
 - Chris: Noted next Transportation Subcommittee will discuss plan to encourage bicycle and pedestrian access to Fairfax
 - Engagement – Craig
 - New creative resources on the team, working on processes for approving brand/creative product
 - Working on brand, will share with CAC for approval when ready
 - Walt suggested CAC clarify how subcommittees work together, proposed meeting with subcommittee chairs monthly to share updates and plan agenda for next CAC meeting; recommended one retreat to prepare for next year, focusing on subcommittee goals.

Public Comment: N/A

10. LETTER TO COUNCIL: *Approve letter to Town Council requesting the opportunity for the CAC to provide input on Town actions that will impact greenhouse gas emissions*

- Brief discussion of Letter to Council. Walt summarized intent of the letter: a reminder to Council that CAC is available as a resource for Town on CAP-related issues/strategies.
- Chris noted CAC role is to advise Town Council and Staff
- Joanne echoed Chris's comment
- Kiki supports concept of letter, recommends some wordsmithing.
- Bruce supports concept of reminder to Town that CAC is here to help, recommends keeping positivity in the message.

Public Comment:

- Beth supports sending letter as a reminder that CAC is a resource
- Jonathan: Commented on Town Council meeting – encourages CAC to advise Town on strategies to lower GHG emissions, emphasizes importance of infrastructure to support Town fleet of Zero Emission vehicles.

11. TOWN FLEET ORDINANCE: *Recommend the Town Council amend the Town Code to limit Town purchases of internal combustion engines and promote the electrification of the Town Fleet.*

- Walt recommends all future Fairfax Town fleet purchases will be zero-emission vehicles unless there is a compelling reason for alternate.

- Minor edits to draft ordinance noted; Jody suggested adding section re: need for Town infrastructure required for EV fleet.
- Walt to update document and forward to Bruce Ackerman for presentation at future Town Council meeting; invited comments from CAC

Public Comment: N/A

- M/S Lang/Hellman to forward edited ordinance to Town Council for review
AYES: Hellman, Greer, Vernon, Lang, Ackerman, Timms, La Porta, Lasnier

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Jody: requested monthly update on sustainability coordinator for San Anselmo/Fairfax; suggested Engagement Committee look at creating a “Cap at A Glance” to use with public engagement.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Vernon adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary