

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Vernon called meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

- CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Vernon, Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Mayor), Stephanie Hellman (Vice Mayor), , Chris Lang, Kiki La Porta, David Haskell
- CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Hammond, Joanne Lasnier
- GUESTS: Greg Smith (West Marin Climate Action), Beth Verdekal, Brad Fisher (stayed for first few minutes)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- M/S: Lang/Haskell, Motion to approve the Agenda and Affidavit of Posting
AYES: All

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. MCEP UPDATE

- None; Kara Spencer attended June 3 MCEP, did not attend CAC.

6. CAP UPDATE

- Jody reviewed content changes from feedback session with Councilmembers Coler and Cutrano.
- Review discussion included the need to change the “voice” of Walt’s changes to be consistent with rest of the CAP document. Stephanie, Jody, and Joanne will update and provide Clerk Michele Gardner with the marked up final version.
- M/S: La Porta/Lang; Motion to approve CAP with discussed changes.
AYES: All

7. ANNUAL REPORT

- Chair Vernon reviewed the report he wrote noting strong progress in light of pandemic. Mayor Ackerman will submit to town council.
 - M/S Lang, LaPorta: Motion to approve and share with town council.AYES: All

8. CAP SUBCOMMITTEE

- Jody and Joanne presented latest red-lined changes to CAP and captured further minor edits from CAC.
 - Timms highlighted that section T-8 includes additional language: “and support new zoning as needed”.
 - M/S Lang, La Porta: Motion to approve CAP and present to town council.
- AYES: All

10. RECONSTITUTION OF SUBCOMMITTEES

- Discussion of dissolving former subcommittees and formalize new ones: Transportation, Electrification, Engagement.
 - Jody noted Transportation subcommittee has been meeting regularly, primarily she and Joanne. Stephanie joined recently. Chris will attend if he is notified by mail or ph. Members: Jody, Joanne, Stephanie, Chris.
 - Bldg/Electrification subcommittee consists of Walt, Bruce, David will begin meeting. Walt will take the lead on setting up mtgs.
 - Engagement subcommittee: Beth, Jennifer, Jennifer, Kiki and Stephanie

12. BUDGET

- \$10,000 allocated for CAC with new fiscal budget.
- Discussion of \$25K for a Sustainability Coordinator as a shared resource with San Anselmo. San Anselmo has \$50K allocated for this – to be confirmed. Stephanie will follow up with Garrett and request he contact Dave Donery, town manager of San Anselmo

13. ENDORSEMENT OF AB897

- This bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would require the office, through the program, to encourage the inclusion of agencies *eligible entities* with land use planning *and hazard mitigation planning* authority into regional climate networks. The bill would authorize a regional climate network to engage in activities to address climate change, as specified.

This bill would require a regional climate network to develop a regional climate adaptation *and resilience* action plan and to submit the plan to the office for review, comments, and certification, as described.

- M/S Haskell, Timms: Motion to approve and share with town council.
- AYES: Vernon, Timms, La Porta, Haskell, Hellman

NOs: Lang
ABSTAIN: Ackerman

14. CAC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chris Lang shared the idea of having a shared resource for Fairfax: Dir Public Works and Climate/Sustainability Coordinator (or Mgr)
- David H and Kiki P shared Center for Climate Protection as an org we should be tuned into. Focused on electing “Climate Candidates” statewide. Also AB1139 is “dead” for now.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Vernon adjourned meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Stephanie Hellman, Secretary