

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER – VERNON

- Chair Walt Vernon called meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL – HELLMAN

- CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Vernon (Chair), Jody Timms, Bruce Ackerman (Council Mayor), Stephanie Hellman (Council Vice-Mayor), Joanne Lasnier (Secretary), David Haskell, Kiki La Porta, Christopher Lang, Jennifer Hammond
- GUESTS: Beth Craig, Christine O'Rourke, Laura Vernon, Town of Fairfax Director of Planning Ben Berto

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING – HELLMAN

- M/S: Lang/La Porta, Motion to approve the Agenda with one change: CAC Announcement to be moved up after CAP update and Affidavit of Posting
AYES: Vernon, Timms, Ackerman, Hellman, Lasnier, Haskell, La Porta, Lang, Hammond

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - HELLMAN

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 - HELLMAN

- Laura Vernon congratulated the CAP update subcommittee and in particular, Jody and Joanne, for tireless efforts.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE REGULAR MEETING – HELLMAN

- M/S: Ackerman/Timms, Motion to approve the June Regular Meeting Minutes
AYES: Vernon, Timms, Ackerman, Hellman, Lasnier, Haskell, La Porta, Lang, Hammond

7. MCEP UPDATE (C. O'ROURKE)

- Chris Lang shared feedback that reported GHG emissions saved seems conservative. Christine responded: Miles of bike lanes and bike paths to be constructed, empirical research, hard to measure offsets. Marin County Bicycle Coalition provided a methodology several years ago.
- Reusable food ware ordinance – Community workshop, consultant going around. Fairfax involvement TBD. If all jurisdictions want it then County will adopt. Scheduled for the Fall.
- Relationship of MCEP to Fairfax - Town recognizes value of having a staff member attend MCEP meetings, lack of assigned staff member is temporary hitch. Interim Town Manager Adam Politzer is looking at staffing needs; possibly San Anselmo-Fairfax shared resource could attend.

8. 2019 GHG INVENTORY REPORT – VERNON, GUESTS: CHRISTINA O’ROURKE, BEN BERTO

- Discussion / analysis of the report
 - Need to focus on Gas. Reports provides a percentage reduction since 1990.
 - Bruce noted water use going up. Christine says 2/3rd is irrigation.
 - Waste going up but emissions going down.
 - Opportunity for Fuel efficiency of the Town fleet.
 - Not a huge behavioral shift. Standards, technology. Electricity emissions was MCE.
 - In context of the Housing Element, will be looking to incorporate vision of CAP - electric, energy storage. Looking at converging programs. Retrofitting / alt housing types. Upgrading housing stock. CLTs to reconfigure, reduce the cost of the land from the cost of the housing. Special PC meeting next week obj design and dev. Aug 12 unveiling site options.
 - Town operations #s are buried. Perhaps we can find a way to develop this. We should focus on getting the buildings to zero.
 - On the notion of updated report sooner - it is data intensive, includes vehicles miles traveled, town fleet, gallons fuel consumed, refrigerants, employee survey. Energy use is easy part. Good reason to do it if you’ve made improvements otherwise not much fluctuation.
 - 2-year lag in data, in 2023 will have 2021 data
 - Town is looking at heat pumps.

9. CAP IMPLEMENTATION - TIMMS

- Photos for finalizing document (Timms) - Joanne and Jody have a list of needs for photos – upcoming meeting with Camille Esposito (on town staff). Scorecard update: Jennifer Hammond offered to update it.
- Working partnership with Planning Dept. Discussion that we should review General Plan and make suggestions based on CAP. Bike/Ped plan. Chris Lang asked if CAP could be an element “at the end”- Ben will explore.

10. CAC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nina Luttinger (Sustainable Fairfax) shared Greywater proposal for ARPA funding / council agenda for Sept 15. Agreed it’s a good idea to continue to flesh out. Will continue to work with Marin Water District and others and present at next CAC meeting for action item to take to Council.

11. POLICY UPDATE

- Status of All Electric Ordinance (Ackerman) – Postponed until August 4 Town Council Meeting. Needs more discussion, some elements confusing. Energy code for Fairfax is affected. Why is Health and Safety the justification? It will reside in the building code.
- Endorsement of AB1346 - Air pollution: small off-road engines. (Timms) M/S: Timms/Haskell, Motion to approve for town council support.

AYES: Hellman, Ackerman, Vernon, LaPorta, Haskell, Hammond, Lasnier, Timms

NAYS: Lang

12. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- Transportation – Timms Deferred to future CAC meeting
- Building Decarbonization (Vernon) – Deferred to future CAC meeting
- Engagement (Craig) – Deferred to future CAC meeting
- Hellman – Re: CAC subcommittees, per Town Council and Town Manager we are operating correctly, reestablishing ad hoc committees and respective goals on an annual basis.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Vernon adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Joanne Lasnier, Secretary