

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Timms called meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Stephanie Hellman (Council Mayor), Mitch Greer (Vice Chair), Nina Luttinger, Joe Hewlings, David Haskell, Kiki La Porta
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Ackerman (Council, Acting Secretary), Arthur Lueck (Youth Member), Chris Lang (has submitted his resignation)
- STAFF: Mark Lockabee, Sean Youra
- Guests: Greg Smith, Kelly Newman, Aiden Mann, Lucie Martikan and Elise Jonas-Delson (350 Marin interns)

3. 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.*

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- M/S Luttinger/Hewlings to approve the agenda
AYES: all

5. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Kelly Newman introduced herself. Has lived and worked with 350.org in Florida.
- Stephanie: PG&E might be having more outages, so what could we do to slow the purchasing of generators?
- Aiden Mann introduced himself. Active at AWHs, runs the water conservation club. Into many environmental issues. Hopes to join CAC
- David: We are lucky to have Mark Squire and Good Earth, and a large number of people who are committed to good food. What might CAC do around food?
- Elise introduced herself. Studying Public Policy at UCSD, lives in Novato.
- Lucie introduced herself. Studying Sust. Development and Environmental Sciences at University of St Andrews in Scotland. Interested in sustainable transportation and electrification. Lives in San Anselmo.
- Nina Luttinger announced that she will be resigning because she is moving to Vermont. Committee members thanked her and wished her well.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY REGULAR MEETING

- M/S La Porta/Luttinger to approve

AYES: All

7. DISCUSSION WITH STAFF – MARK LOCKABEE, BUILDING INSPECTOR AND SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR

- Discussion on 1) an ordinance for All Electric for Substantial Remodels; and/or 2) an ordinance requiring all electric water heater and furnace at time of changeouts/permits, and 3) Grand Jury report-Building Electrification
- Mark Lockabee expressed concern about the cost to homeowners if all upgrades were required at once. We dont have that many substantial remodels vs “changeouts”, about 100 furnaces and 60 water heaters. Vs 10 substantial remodels.
- Does CAC wish to weigh in on the response to the Grand Jury Report? If so, need to agendize and then get to staff.
- Sean: All-electric Landscape Equipment ordinance: First reading and introduction passed unanimously. Starting in Jan 2023 for residents and town staff. Jan 1 2024 for commercial landscapers. Second reading july 6. Could use some help getting word out to residents. Maybe our interns can help develop user friendly materials.
- Sean gave MCEP update: One initiative is to develop a model for clean electrification policy. Lots of jurisdictions don't have a sustainability coordinator like him. It would be good to just have a model policy that can be adopted by other towns.
- EVs for Town: Mach E delivered by end of month. F150 lightning no confirmed delivery date. Electricians coming out tomorrow to explore power options. Once we do those panel upgrades, we can accommodate several level 2 charging stations fo republic works and Police. this will cost about \$27k. Level 3 charger would take \$300k. We have budgeted some existing funds for this. We are applying to TAM and other places for some of these chargers.
- Waste compliance. Fairfax is 100% compliant. All commercial biz and multifamily dwelling has organics compost cart. Marin sanitary is doing training w businesses. We will also be using a recyclist for tracking compliance for 1333. We set out letters to all the food biz in town. Edible food recovery. Organic separation. Trying to do more outreach in the community. Can CAC help get work out for sean? He said maybe flyers? Newsletter content for Camille to talk about the regulation and how it applies. We have a new webpage on town website. It has all the requirements for single family, multifamily, and commercial businesses. If we could package htat info into a visual format or byte size format, that would be helpful. We can post on social media. Maybe a little video. Sean said videos would be great. Existing resources we can link to also.
- Recyclist is an online reporting platform. We can see all the waste generators. You can create reports and track. Sean is trying to hire a “fellow” who would focus on helping with the waste reporting for 1383.
- TAM project proposals. We will hear in Aug or Sept if we can get some funding for public works microgrid, solar, pavilion, level 3 charger, the decibel inverter etc.
- From MCE. Sean went to a focus group meeting MCE is working to develop a fleet program. They developed a number of incentive ideas. Transition plans for EV charging stations etc.
- We are partnering with Wilden. A company that partners with PGE. have electrification program for replacing water heaters with electrical water heater. All the town bldgs can get electric heat pump water heaters. No cost to the town to install this. Through PGE and MCE and a number of incentives that other orgs are providing it. Covers all the costs for us. Preconstruction work soon with Wilden. Heather really helped get us involved in this. And Mark and John Tierny in Public Works. It will be 5 water heaters in total.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

- We have updated draft of fiscal year budget on Council agenda but nothing substantially changed. Sean created a budget for climate action and sustainability programs.

10. REVIEW OF 2021-22 ANNUAL PLAN

- Sent out Annual Action report. Look at what goals we accomplished every June. Send this to July for consent calendar with goals for next year. Stephanie had some updates on that document. Changes to goals and accomplishments section. Nina made motion to approve, Joe seconded.

11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT (Hewlings)

- Memo containing all the rebates and financing mechanisms already available to us in Fairfax. Single family, multifamily owners, commercial owners. It was a little not digestible so he reformatted it as a FORM that is more user friendly. Many people are not aware of all the funding available. He would like to enable people in town to be able to afford to do the projects they want to do. You can get free upgrades to your home from Marin Clean Energy. If you stack things you can get 5-6k towards a water heat pump. Could approach the diff between gas and electric. There are resources out there for multifamily property owners. Covers energy, weatherization, electriciation and water efficiency. Try using the form. The tool asks you questions about who you are, it gives you list of rebates available to you. We can track responses. We need to get message out on this tool.
- David Haskell: “Case study it”. Show what other people have done. JT can write hers up. Also there are Green Homes tours in Marin this fall. That will be a good thing to promote to residents. Virtual tour. JT encourages us to go through the tool and see how it flows. Give Joe feedback.

12. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- They sent out the video. Number 1 was the winner. Will start distributing it very soon on social media.
- Website. We dont own the URL yet. We need to do that. And finish website. We should put budget request through sean to heather. Sean said this is already budgeted. Owning url and squarespace. Maybe \$40. We will move forward with that..

13. BUILT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING

- Tabled until next month.

14. CalGREEN HCD PRESENTATION

- Put on agenda for Sept about what we are thinking about the tiers. Go with tier one or tier two.
- Joe: Not sure going for tier two should be top priority.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fairfax parade and tabling. Many thanks for those who helped. We had induction burner there. Lots of conversations about gas and stoves. Spin wheel for option to win drawing. 67 entries for drawing.
- What county is proposing with flexibility tool. Part of workshop tomorrow.
- Event on July 11 which has MCE, Electrify Marin, local programs... JT will send links
- June 22 is portable heat pumps webinar.
- Substantial remodels. Lets discuss current ordinance we agreede upon. Add nuance? Support grand jury report?
- Start discussion about ordinance on existing appliances and buildings. JT sent an email about Menlo Park long lines fo what Ithaca did with public / private partnership.
- 2023 goals. We created this. Started july 1 at last retreat. We had Walt here and had bigger plans. Lets revisit those plans and see if we should pare them down a little bit. Look at edits SH suggested.

- Tabling Calgreen Tier two until sept agenda.
- Gas stations conversions and not expanding existing one. Maybe put on august agenda.
- Solar generators
- July 17 event in Peri Park Miranda Miller is pulling together. Yeti battery and solar generator. Maybe we could promote.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Timms adjourned the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Bruce Ackerman, Acting Secretary, with minutes taken by Nina Luttinger