

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Timms called meeting to order at 7:12pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Mitch Greer (Vice Chair), Stephanie Hellman (Council Mayor), Bruce Ackerman (Council, Acting Secretary), Joe Hewlings, David Haskell, Kiki La Porta
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Arthur Lueck (Youth Member)
- STAFF: Mark Lockabee, Sean Youra
- Guests: Greg Smith, Neil Kraus, Sonya Mehta, Aiden Mann, Elise Jonas-Delson (350 Marin intern)

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Was read.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- Items 13 and 9 moved to after Item 6
- M/S Haskell/LaPorta to approve the agenda
AYES: all

5. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- A written comment from Rick Hamer was read aloud (with the stipulation that this was not a precedent, but was being done because Bruce had not realized that it wasn't sent to the committee). Rick encouraged requirements for energy storage in new development, in part to stabilize the grid.

13. YOUTH MEMBER

- Jody read an introduction to Aiden Mann from his application, and Aiden spoke to introduce himself further
- M/S Greer/Haskell to appoint Aiden Mann as a Youth Member of CAC
AYES: All

9. REVIEW OF FAIRFAX CAC ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2022-23

- Several edits made to the draft version during discussion
- M/S LaPorta/Hewlings to approve with edits
AYES: All

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE REGULAR MEETING

- M/S Haskell/Hewlings to approve, with typo corrections from Jody
AYES: All

7. DISCUSSION WITH STAFF –SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR

- Sean shared a presentation re the Reach Code County Working Group, on which he sits. Each jurisdiction could adopt or add to it, by end of this year.
- Cookstoves not called out for commercial – county is not finding that supported.
- Kiki stated that Sustainable San Rafael, Bob Brown, worked on a similar effort.
- Everyone encouraged to give input to Sean
- David and Joe appointed as an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss further
- Members invited to send Sean comments on the EV Acceleration Strategy
- Sean reported that the landscape equipment flyer, in English & Spanish, is being developed for distribution at Fairfax Lumber and the Town front counter.

8. COUNCIL REPORT

- Mayor Hellman stated that a ban on new gas stations will be considered by Council, possibly on consent, in the next couple of months.

10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- Currently the CAC by-laws allow from 5 to 13 members, but the minimum quorum is 3. CAC will not be able to meet when Kiki and David resign (to travel for a year), until more voting members are appointed.
- Consider proposing by-law changes, including possibly shorter terms for members to make it less daunting to join this active committee. Chair Timms will work on a proposal and bring it back to CAC.
- Townwide picnic is coming up: Mayor Hellman, Jody and Mitch expressed interest in engagement.

11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Discussion; Jody and Sean will talk .

12. TRANSPORTATION

- This item was tabled

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Our wonderful interns are finished and leaving. Ody will share the papers they wrote.
- Napa County and all towns, schools, Community Services District *all* passed Climate Emergency Resolutions! Zero by 2030 (like Fairfax)!
- Recruitment and barriers to new members joining to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9:05.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Bruce Ackerman, Acting Secretary