

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Timms called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair), Bruce Ackerman (Council, Acting Secretary), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Aiden Mann (Youth Member), Stephanie Hellman (Council)
- STAFF: Sean Youra, Climate Action Coordinator, Paul Whang (fellow)
- GUESTS: Greg Smith, Kathleen Gundry

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Was read.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- M/S to approve the agenda; AYES all

5. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13 SPECIAL MEETING

- M/S to approve with minor corrections by Jody; AYES All

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

- Sean reported that MCEP is working on strategies to accelerate EV adoption; these have been in the works for a while. Jurisdictions will be able to consider these for adoption. A work plan template will be provided to jurisdictions as well.
- BAAQMD is adopting an EV Charger program for 2023. \$5M funding available, 60% for priority populations. Fairfax is looking at a possible proposal when this is complete.
- Loren Umbertis (Public Works Director), with DC Electric, is looking at charger options for the Public Works Department. An upgrade to the PWD electrical panel is not needed. The one charger currently available (the public charger near the Corp Yard) is not powered by the Town's generators. One possibility would be a charger on the second generator, later to be connected to an eventual microgrid (the Town Hall generator is at capacity). Funding could come from TAM, MCE, PG&E, along with fleet electrification monies already budgeted by the Town.
- Questions were asked about strategy specifics and relation to the CAP. Sean said priorities can be chosen by jurisdiction, and equity focus throughout. A request was made to try to support E-bike charging.

- Jody asked about a possible EV event in town, e.g. through Ride & Drive Clean. Ean responded that it is absolutely doable, after the MCEP Plan is rolled out.
- MCEP received a presentation by the Decarbonization Coalition. They have a web page with all the jurisdictions' REACH electrification
- Christine O'Rourke is working on GHG Inventories, to include local government emissions including fleet and employee commutes. Possibly available in Q3.
- The lawn equipment rebate program, through Fairfax Lumber, was officially launched. \$10k allocated.
- Electrication of the Town's landscape equipment is pretty much complete.
- A Green Building page is coming to the Town website; Mark Lockabee and Brian Reyes are helping with that.

8. COUNCIL REPORT

- Councilmember Ackerman reported that the Council Liaison will be appointed by Council in February.

9. JAN 29th SPECIAL MEETING- ANNUAL RETREAT

- Chair Timms reminded all of the retreat. She, Joe and Bruce will do some agenda planning.

10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- Tabling booked at Good Earth 2/5 10-1, and thereafter the 1st Sunday each month; the January tabling was rained out.
- Remember recruitment while tabling; social media if anyone wants to. San Anselmo is a great model and inspiration! Kathleen says once you have a page (FB, Instagram) it's not difficult.
- Sheryl and Jody met re the Library Series. Invite all to suggest topics.
- Pubic comment: Mark Solomons said Facebook is not used by younger people, and suggested Instagram or others to reach more people.

11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

- Joe Hewlings reported that a the survey of residents regarding resilience is ready and has been translated into Spanish, and is soon to go out.
- The Pavilion/Microgrid subcommittee should meet again.
- The CAC's email, fairfaxclimteaction@gmail.com, is apparently not being monitored. We won't use it for now.
- Jody has been on a few webinars re resiliency. The Library reportedly had 500 people charging devices during the recent power outage! Could Cascade Canyon School, across from the Library, be a place for children during an emergency? San Geronimo Valley Community Center? Could there become a network of resilience centers? Perhaps the Fairfax Emergency Preparedness Committee will discuss.
- Kathleen said San Anselmo has been thinking about a Town Hall resilience center. Red Cross has a checklist and possible funding. Sean said pretty robust county engagement is required to go after grants.
- Appliance Electrification was discussed. Sean said staff was thinking about funding for electrification, which Council was interested in. IRA monies coming but not clear yet. Researching models, e.g. Boulder Colorado. Get people planning ahead before replacement needed. Tours of Town electrification examples were supported.

12. TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

- Bidirectional chargers discussed; Kurt sent a sample resolution.
- Sean said fleet electrification policy could favor bidirectional (chargers and EVs). Maybe discuss in Q2, along with or following EV acceleration strategy.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- As listed on agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Bruce Ackerman, Acting Secretary