

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Rescheduled 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: Paul Whang (fellow), Sean Youra
- Guests: Greg Smith, Neil Kraus, Kurt Johnson, Shiriel King Abramson

**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 SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING**

- M/S Hewlings/Timms to approve  
AYES: All (only Timms and Hewlings could vote as they had attended the September meeting)

**8. COUNCIL REPORT**

- Councilmember Ackerman gave a brief update. There was discussion of the possible new Council Liaison to be appointed by Council in January; there will be only one liaison.

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

- Chair Timms described the history of the CAC Annual Action Plan, and proposed an Annual CAC Retreat January 29 10-2, with lunch. All members agreed with this proposed date.

**10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

- Sheryl will ask among Marin Interfaith Council for possible interest in attend or joining CAC.
- Tabling booked at Good Earth 1/7 10-1; thereafter the first Sunday each month starting 2/5.
- Jody would initiate a new Library series, if there's an offer of help to put it on.
- Council meeting updates (during open time): Joe and Patrick will rotate with Jody.

- Induction hot plate loan: Neil will work with Jody on lending it out (he has an induction stove).
- Website: Mitch no longer maintaining it; we need to find a new “webmaster”.

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

- Sean described ReadySetReplace, which focuses on heat pump water heaters. They encourage people to prepre before their existing water heater fails, because otherwise sometimes the replacement is not electric due to the urgency of replacing. There’s an intakeform to get started.
- MCEP meeting update given.
- Education on the REACH codes is needed, which CAC could play a part in.
- Zero Waste Marin is looking for places to apply compost and mulch. John Wick (Marin Carbon Project) is speaking soon. AB1383 is the most comprehensive waste law adopted, takes effect this year. There are three waste bins throughout town. Businesses need to have a contract with a food recovery organization.
- The County has now adopted a foodware ordinance, and the Environmental Health Division will help Fairfax enforce theirs.
- MCEPis finalizing an EV Acceleration Strategy, to help jurisdictions.
- Sean’s goal is to bring electrification of substantial remodels to Council in Q2 of 2023.

## **12. TRANSPORTATION**

- Kurt and Shiriel of The Climate Center presented on bidirectional EVs.
- [kurt@theclimatecenter.org](mailto:kurt@theclimatecenter.org)

## **11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

- Joe Hewlings reported that a Pavilion Subcommittee has formed, has met once.
- Joe presented a draft survey of residents to be done regarding resilience.

## **14. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Jan 12 10-11:30 Strategic Growt Council presentation.
- Jan 10 Library project meeting.
- Jan 6 emergency preparedness presentation for elderly folks.
- Next CAC meeting will be Jan. 17.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9:10.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Bruce Ackerman, Acting Secretary