

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 PM, via Videoconference

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Regular Monthly Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Timms called meeting to order at 7:15pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair), Bruce Ackerman (Council, Acting Secretary), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello (joined 7:40)
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: (none)
- STAFF: Sean Youra, Climate Action Coordinator, Paul Whang (fellow)
- GUESTS: Greg Smith, Kathleen Gundry, Debriana Berlin

**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 JANUARY 2023 REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETINGS**

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

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

- Sean reported that the County foodware ordinance (which he reviewed with the committee) will come to Council for possible adoption in March. It was modeled after Fairfax's and is essentially the same. County will handle enforcement if towns adopt identical ordinances.
- BAAQMD EV Charger grant program: Sean and Loren are working on an application for three Level-2 chargers at Town Hall.
- Sean showed the Green Building webpage on the Town site; it is continuing to be built out.
- Zero Waste projects: 3-stream bins are being installed throughout town and in Town buildings.
- Outreach regarding the landscape equipment ordinance and rebate program is being done at Town Hall and through Fairfax Hardware.
- MCEP EV Acceleration Strategy: A work plan is being developed which will probably come to Council in a few months. A countywide building decarbonization plan is being developed – Brian Reyes will lead this effort and Sean will be working on it as well.

- The Town 2022-23 budget for climate action (pages 42-43) was reviewed with the committee. A number of items are unused so far. Jody suggests a deeper discussion in a future meeting. Bruce also asked about the Pavilion kitchen and the Women's Club heaters.

## 8. COUNCIL REPORT

- Councilmember Ackerman reported that he is now the sole Council Liaison to CAC.
- The gas station ordinance will come to Council for a first reading in April.

## 9. ANNUAL PLANNING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

- Chair Timms stated that a second part of the annual CAC retreat will be March 12 1:00-3:00.

## 10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- Chair Timms went over the items from the agenda. The Town Parade is coming up, which CAC is usually in!
- The Library is hesitant to host two events, so the thinking is about one at the Library and one at the Women's Club, the topic being Saving Money by Going Electric. Joe might host (but he said he'll be out of town so that will be rethought). At the Womens Club event the heat-pump water heater and induction stove would be shown.
- Public comment: Debriana asked about a "thermometer" to show the town progress on GHG reduction, and stated that there are other reasons besides cost savings that motivate people. She spoke about climate anxiety, and the feeling of having a way to address it effectively.

## 11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

- Joe Hewlings reported that a the resilience survey of residents has 51 responses so far, and reviewed preliminary observations. Wildfire and power outages top the list of concerns so far. Extreme heat was not a big concern, which is surprising. Other concerns were around the lack of resilient communication systems and evacuation.
- The Pavilion/Microgrid subcommittee should meet again. Survey respondents were generally positive about a Pavilion resilience center, but some said it might not be worthwhile to them.
- Joe stated that resilience is more than the buildings and their systems.
- The Library group met today regarding the BayREN Pilot.
- Public comment: Debriana recommended a book, *Prepared Neighborhoods: Creating Resilience One Street at a Time*.

## 12. TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

- Bidirectional chargers: Bruce is working on meeting with Kurt.
- Jody briefly mentioned a possible EV car & bike show this summer.

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- As listed on agenda.
- Marin Green Home Tour is being organized again, probably for October, and will remain on Zoom. The video of the last tour is well worth watching, at [maringreenhometour.org](http://maringreenhometour.org).
- Jody announced that on 3/21/23 there will be a march to stop dirty banking led by 350Marin and Third Act.

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

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