

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7:00 PM, Women's Club

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Regular Monthly Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Timms called meeting to order at 7:09pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Bruce Ackerman (Council, Acting Secretary), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair)
- STAFF: Sean Youra, Climate Action Coordinator, Paul Whang (fellow, by phone)
- GUESTS: Neil Kraus, Molly Clifford, Robyn Clifford

**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 FEBRUARY REGULAR & MARCH 13 SPECIAL MEETINGS**

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

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

- Sean reported that the County foodware ordinance will come to Council for second reading and possible adoption in April.
- A Takeback Day is being planned for 4/22. CCC North Bay will help with e-waste, Marin Sanitary will do paper shredding and bring compost for residents, and a drug takeback will be staffed by Fairfax Police. Good Earth or Fairfax Market are being considered for locations.
- BAAQMD EV Charger grant application submitted for three Level-2 chargers at Town Hall. MCE and TAM will also provide funding.
- MCEP is considering an E-Mobility Outreach Plan to improve options and equitable access.
- A County Electrification Implementation Plan, led by Brian Reyes, will have its first meeting Thursday. Sheryl expressed interest in attending. Brian presented at last week's MCL Climate meeting, which was recorded.
- Christine O'Rourke will be presenting to Councils on the EV Acceleration Strategy.
- SB379, the Solar Access Act, requires the Town to implement an automated solar permitting platform. A CEC grant for implementation has been applied for.

**8. COUNCIL REPORT**

- Councilmember Ackerman reported that a resolution supporting SB252, in addition to the second reading of the foodware ordinance, will be on the April Council agenda.
- The gas station ordinance will not come to Council in April, due to the length of the agenda.

## **9. ANNUAL PLANNING FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

- Chair Timms reviewed the tentative 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan from Retreat, which also includes possible staff priorities during the year.
- Sean would appreciate some prioritization of CAC items, and some of the budget items were discussed.
- There was discussion of whether it made sense to continue maintaining the separate CAC website, as opposed to placing those materials on the Town site. To be agendized for a future meeting.

## **10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

- Chair Timms went over the items from the agenda. The Town Parade is coming up, which CAC is usually in!
- Tabling could be done at the upcoming Mill Valley Earth Day event.
- The two events on Saving Money by Going Electric are being planned, one at the Women's Club 4/16 and one at the Library 5/10 (the latter possibly more general at the request of the Library).
- Neil has loaned the induction cooktop to one person so far. It was agreed that he should purchase some cookware so people who try it will have what they need.

## **11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES**

- The resilience survey of residents has 71 responses so far, and Sean suggested it might be nearing time to close it; ideas were discussed for further outreach before doing so.
- The Pavilion/Microgrid subcommittee met, though without Loren due to the storm work he was doing.
- Neil suggested that the Town get Flume water meters, and Sean agreed to consider it.
- The Library group met today regarding the BayREN Pilot.

## **12. TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

- Brief discussion of possible EV car & bike show this summer.
- Bi-Directional EVs and equipment were discussed; this would be agendized for further discussion and possible action at the next CAC meeting.

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

- As listed on agenda.

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

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