

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Women's Club

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Was read by Mr. Hewlings

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- Motion to approve the agenda and affidavit of posting, with change, in item 7, to the date of the EV Acceleration Strategy presentation to August 2nd. AYES all.

5. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2023 REGULAR MEETING

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

7. STAFF UPDATE-SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR

- Sean has submitted the final version of the PG&E Resilience Hub grant application for the Pavillion Resilience Hub project. The \$25,000 grant would fund a microgrid feasibility study that would provide both design and financing options for creating a

microgrid with solar + a battery energy storage system at the Pavillion and other Town buildings, as well as planning for the services and activities that would be available year-round. He hopes to hear from them within a few months.

- SB1383 Implementation: Progress continues. Local businesses are complying with the separate bins and internal record keeping. There is an updated page on the town's website for both businesses and individual households. Joe suggested that some funds might go to additional outreach and education about the use of green bins.
- Countywide Building Electrification Plan: A committee of about 30 Marin residents, staff, and professionals has been set up for a 3 month discussion of ways in which the county can help with the process for homeowners to go electric in existing homes; including home energy audits, replacing existing appliances, rebates, savings and the training of contractors.
- Paul reported on the Town Fleet Electrification Policy that he has been working on. He and Sean discussed the added difficulty with finding workable EVs for town fleets. He will be submitting his research to the Town Council in October.

8. TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

- Bruce was absent from the meeting. Jody reported that the ban of expansion/new gas stations has not yet been put on the agenda, hopefully in August..

9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- Jody discussed some thoughts on tabling and suggested future discussion on how best to reach more people, specific to the location and messaging..
- The next Library event will take place on September 13th, at 6:30 pm. Adam Klaus, from Quit Carbon, will give a presentation on electrifying your home. Joe will be the second speaker, discussing available rebates.
- The interns, Katherine and Lucie, have been meeting with Jody, Patrick, and the Chair of the San Anselmo Climate Action Commission once a week. They have both been taking the Resilient Neighborhoods course and are talking about organizing a 5-week class for teens. They have completed a white paper on energy audits - more on that below, and one on low-carbon concrete.

10. BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

- The Countywide BE Roadmap Development focus groups will meet 8.2, 9.27 and 10.25.
- The summer interns have been looking at the benefits of energy audits to both help homeowners to set electric conversion priorities and to improve awareness of energy efficiency at time of sale. They are also working on a tabling flyer on energy audits. Paper will be distributed in the coming weeks; along with the one on low carbon concrete.

11. TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

- Jody passed out flyers for the Fairfax EV and EBike Show, coming up on Sunday, August 27th, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. The Committee will help to get them posted in Fairfax business locations. The Committee will be tabling and volunteering at the event.
- There was a discussion about E-bikes and ways to encourage their sale and use. The town and the state are considering rebate programs. Interns are also working on an E-Bike flyer for tabling.
- Liz asked about infrastructure improvement plans for bikes and some discussion followed.
- Sheryl discussed progress on the Orange Outlet Charging Program at local MUD. There has been some interest shown at two locations. She and Sean will connect to share more info and move the pilot forward if possible.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The next tabling at Good Earth will be on August 6th, 12:00-3:00.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9:08pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Sheryl Shakeshaft, standing in as Acting Secretary for this meeting.