

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

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Women's Club

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair), Patrick Costello, Liz Gottlieb, Bruce Ackerman (Council Liaison, Acting Secretary)
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Sheryl Shakeshaft
- STAFF: Sean Youra, Climate Action Coordinator (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. AYES all.

**5. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

- None.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

- Motion to approve; AYES All

**7. STAFF UPDATE-SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR**

- Work continues on the county Building Electrification Plan, with a workshop being held that drew 40-50 attendees, to gather feedback on strategies. Next one will be 9/27. The County is finishing their electrification webpage. Christine O'Rourke and Brian Reyes are putting together data on how many homes need to be electrified in Fairfax and San Anselmo.
- SB1383 Implementation – Verifying that all edible food generators are donating surplus food. Most are compliant, though some sorting challenges. A CalRecycle grant might be used for kitchen compost bins. Placeworks is an app that will be involved in a study as to where applications of compost could be best used. Sean will be attending a CA Resource Recovery Association conference.

- EV Chargers – didn't get the BAAQMD money, but applying for a \$19.5k rebate for chargers to be installed at Town hall, a \$40k overall project. Waiting on PG&E and then DC Electric to complete the work. Met with TAM about various charger ideas.
- The EV Acceleration Strategy for Fairfax will be considered at the September 6 Council meeting.

## **8. TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE**

- Bruce reported that the ban of expansion/new gas stations will be on a Council agenda, hopefully soon.
- Jody stated that the proclamation supporting bidirectional EVs and EVSE, which Council passed, is the first in the state.
- Bruce reported that Marin Transit is the recipient of a \$31M federal grant, toward full electrification of their fleet. The West Marin Stage will be a challenge due to no Level 3 chargers in West Marin; perhaps something could be done in Fairfax to help?
- Jody discussed comments from a few citizens about the CAC update being given during Open Time at Council meetings.. Jody or any member may speak as an individual. A draft of the Annual CAC Report will be sent to members for review, and presented to Council.

## **9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

- Greg, Sheryl and Jody met re recruitment, especially youth.
- Tabling 9/17 12-5 at the Town Picnic, and at the EV/eBike show – will send sign-ups.
- At the EV/eBike show there will be a Safe Routes flyer on safety. There was discussion about kids being able to modify eBikes to go much faster than legally allowed.
- Next Wednesday 4-6 tabling at Farmer's Market free speech table. Also Oct. 11.
- 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.
- Flyers are being developed (eBikes, energy audits, induction cooking) – Sean said they could be put on the Town website.

## **10. TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

- Preparation for the EV/eBike Show is of course a major committee focus.
- eBike rebate programs – Sean and Paul did research; will need to develop a model for Fairfax and San Anselmo.
- Orange Outlet – Sheryl working on locating pilot site(s). Sean in touch with her.
- Clean Air Day grant, through 350 Marin – Jody seeking input. Poster contest, with poster used on Clean Air Day 10/4, and the Library will display posters that day.

## **11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES**

- Joe discussed the County Electrification event. There is a need for benchmarks on prices of equipment. Requirements vary for getting rebates, with some complicated to apply for.
- A "roadmap" is challenging due to the variability among houses.

- Partnership with builders is desirable and being worked on.
- Pavilion/microgrid – Sean and Bruce will be meeting with an electrical engineer tomorrow about overall design ideas, and another meeting the 24<sup>th</sup> will focus more on the Pavilion.
- Neil reported that the induction cooktop loaner program did have a waiting list, but currently there is none, so it's available.
- Low carbon (or possibly synthetic (negative carbon) concrete was discussed.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Jody recommended an awesome induction cooking demo, part of the East Bay Green Home Tour. This could be publicized for all citizens?
- CAC generally has a retreat in January, so we should begin finding a date.
- Sequestration: Sean reported Public Works is identifying all Fairfax public lands that will be included in the County's composting plan (Peri Park was not on the list). Tracking the application of the compost and how to quantify GHG emission reductions is also being reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.

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