

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

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

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello, Liz Gottlieb (minutes)
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Ackerman (Council Liaison, Acting Secretary)
- STAFF: Sean Youra, Climate Action Coordinator
- GUESTS: Neil Kraus, Janie Adams

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Was read by Vice-Chair Hewlings

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

- Motion to approve the affidavit of posting and the agenda with the Engagement Committee report moved to just before the Staff Update. AYES all.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2023 REGULAR MEETING

- Motion to approve; AYES All

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

- Discussion with student Janie Adams from Sea-Disc program at AWHs about the Fairfax Meter; also, possible future involvement of students with events-tableting, EV Show, Feb 15th library presentation, and induction loan program, poster contest, etc.
- Discussed newsletter topics-Sean needs info a week before publishing. Joe will update copy on rebates.

STAFF UPDATE-SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR

- Fleet ZEV Policy was approved by Council with addition of a preference for procuring union-made vehicles; next step is working on fleet replacement plan which will tie into annual budgeting.
- Water heater electrification program is expanding to cover whole home electrification in partnership with Carbon Free Homes, which is acquiring ReadySetReplace. Sean has

worked on new MOU for a pilot program for Fairfax and San Anselmo with a final goal of getting 350 Homes to electrify at least one appliance within the 6 months.

TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

- Jody reported that the ban of expansion/new gas stations was passed on Nov 1st.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Jody mentioned that anyone who might want to serve as Chair is welcome to do so, just let her know.

TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

- EV and E-Bike show-Sean will seek funding from TAM on behalf of both towns; if not funded, Sean feels we might be able to have the towns fund the show but in the summer after new budgets are approved, if allocated in 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- We'll discuss E-bike incentive program at next meeting, Patrick will bring an update on CARB funding, etc.
- Pilot on EV charging was discussed; Sheryl, Sean and Jody will meet and seek input from Carleen Cullen, Ride & Drive Clean on survey for tenants to see if there is a need.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

- Clarification that the Fairfax library is currently a warming and cooling center, triggered by the County, but is not a Resiliency Center per se quite yet.
- We tabled the process of incorporating low-carbon concrete/high albedo asphalt into Town operations until next year and Sean will speak with public works to see what products they currently use, see if they are aware of the alternatives, and what the cost of those might be. This item is technically a sequestration initiative.

SEQUESTRATION INITIATIVES

- Jody reported that San Rafael is seeking funding for a Tree Master Plan and Tree Inventory as part of their General Plan and Community Climate Action Plan; there are also other initiatives to research in this area that Fairfax might want to consider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The next meeting will be Thursday, December 7. Special meeting retreat will be January 21, 2024; we'll decide on whether to meet for a regular meeting on Jan. 16th at meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Liz Gottlieb, with some edits by the Chair.