



CLIMATE CHANGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
6:15 – 8:15 PM
CITY HALL
ROOM 139
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

AGENDA

Members: Derik Broekhoff Nora Ferm Nickum
 Lara Hansen (Co-Chair) Deborah Rudnick
 Gary Lagerloef Jane Rein
 David McCaughey James Rufo-Hill (Co-Chair)

Liaison: Councilmember Joe Deets

7:00 Call meeting to Order

7:05 Discussion and approval of minutes

7:10 Public Comment

7:20 Old Business – Report Outs

- OPMA Applicability to Committee
- Waste subcommittee
- Transportation subcommittee
- Electrical generation subcommittee
- Adaptation subcommittee
- VW Settlement Comment by COBI submitted

8:00 New Business

- Proposed Puget Sound Energy Climate Matters Event
- Membership Discussion

8:15 Other Business

- Develop March Agenda and Confirm March Date (21st)

8:30 Adjourn

MINUTES

Present: Committee members Gary Lagerloef, David McCaughey, Nora Ferm Nickum, James Rufo-Hill, Council liaison Joe Deets. On the phone: Lara Hansen

Absent: Committee members Derik Broekhoff, Jane Rein, Deborah Rudnick

Public: Heidi Madden

1. Call to order
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.
2. New co-chair
 - James Rufo-Hill was approved as the Committee's new co-chair.
3. Approval of minutes
 - Minutes from the previous meeting (December 11, 2017) were approved.
4. Public comment
 - Heidi Madden introduced herself.
5. Greenhouse gas inventory recommendations
 - The Committee's recommendations have been presented to Council. We understand that it was put on the consent agenda for January 23 Council meeting.
6. Committee size
 - Committee members present indicated that they strongly prefer to remain a nine-person committee, with an additional Committee member appointed to replace Michael Cox.
7. Subcommittee updates
 - Electrical generation subcommittee: PSE has a [Carbon Balance Program](#) that allows individuals to offset their emissions from electricity. The funds are handled by ClimateActionReserve.org and don't go to PSE. The subcommittee will look into it further. In the future, we might want to gather and provide more information about offsets and think about the advantages and disadvantages.
 - Adaptation subcommittee: Adaptation subcommittee members will focus on the Comprehensive Plan and will consider doing a charrette about how to tie adaptation to long-term planning on the island. They will also look at lessons from the City of Seattle.
 - Transportation subcommittee: No updates.
 - Waste subcommittee: No updates.

8. VW settlement comment

- We understand that the City of Bainbridge Island has submitted a letter to the Washington State Department of Ecology supporting the use of VW settlement funds to help electrify the two largest ferries in the Washington State Ferry system, which serve Bainbridge Island. The Committee had recommended that the City submit such a letter of support.

9. New business: Community education and outreach on climate change (2.37.030.C.7)

- We discussed the idea of having a climate change dialogue event. We could do it at City Hall on April 21, the day before Earth Day and the same day as the Farmers' Market.
- The Committee could be the official convener.
- We could have tabling by all groups on Bainbridge Island that are interested and involved in things related to climate change.
- Gary, David, James, and Lara will follow up.

10. February meeting

- Agenda
 - i. Make a plan for getting the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the GHG inventory completed and issued.
 - ii. Outreach and education: Plan for the spring event and follow up about graphics/posters.
 - iii. Report out on subcommittee meeting with PSE.
- Date
 - i. The co-chairs will do a new Doodle poll to set the date for the February meeting. Starting in March, we'll be back to meeting on third Wednesdays.

11. Information from the Committee's Council liaison

- The Committee's Council liaison, Joe Deets, reported that he has requested that the money that Bainbridge Islanders put into the Green Power Program (about \$125,000 per year) stay on the island for local renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.
- Joe is also interested in introducing a resolution to Council that shows support for state legislation with regard to a carbon tax, a renewable portfolio standard, UTC rules amendments, and green building codes.

12. Meeting adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**Puget Sound Energy
Climate Matters Bainbridge Event Proposal**

Event Partners:

- City of Bainbridge Island/Climate Change Advisory Committee
- Puget Sound Energy
- COBI and PSE partner drive/plan the event and partner with Bainbridge environmental 501(c)(3)s to participate
 - Sustainable Bainbridge
 - Climate Action Bainbridge
 - Friends of Island Power
 - Citizens Climate Lobby
 - EcoAdapt
 - Others?
- Patterned after Bainbridge Prepares 3Days of Preparedness partnership, highly successful (Karen can provide details)

Event Location/Timing

- Saturday, April 21 (Earth Day is April 22) in conjunction with the Farmers Market
- Kellie Stickney noted that COBI does not have an Earth Day event
- Could be located inside the Council Chambers (like Bainbridge Prepares Expo) or potentially outside city hall or outside with Farmers Market
- Note: Time is of the essence in terms of planning. The CCAC will advise the City Council and they will ultimately make the decision. If the timing to get through this process does not allow for an April event date, we could push it to a later date.

Event Format

- An environmental fair format. COBI, PSE and environmental organizations set up tables/booths to educate islanders on climate/environment and actions individuals can take.
- This could be a one-time event or it could become an annual event. Future years could include the addition of speakers, films, workshops, etc.
- Recommend keeping the first year simple with tabling only due to current vacancy in communications role
- Note: Per Lara Hansen, CCAC members are interested in the idea of presentations this year

PSE Commitment to the Event:

- If presentations are in the format this year.....A PSE presentation on carbon reduction
- Two – three PSE booths:
 - (1) PSE commitment to reduce carbon footprint 50% by 2040
 - (2) Renewable energy
 - (3) PSE sustainable give away table
- Sustainable give away
- Renewables exhibit trailer (if complete)
- Karen Brubeck will work with PSE event staff, COBI staff person, CCAC and others to plan and implement
- Promotion of the event on PSE channels, advertising, graphics for event, banner over Winslow??

COBI/CCAC Commitment to the Event

- Does CCAC want to partner on planning, implementation and promotion of the event?
- Is COBI able to provide a staff person to partner with CCAC and PSE to support the event?
- Is COBI able to promote the event on their channels and beyond (social, city manager report, website, T&C reader board, press release, etc)?

Background

- In December Karen pitched the idea of a Climate Matters event to Kellie Stickney/COBI. Kellie was ready to move forward with planning, but took another job. Kellie noted that COBI could still move forward if the Climate Change Advisory Committee took the event on as part of the outreach to the island.

Next Steps

- ~~Feb 2: Karen met with Lara Hansen/CCAC to discuss Climate Matters event and Forum~~
- Week of Feb 5: Karen provides this event proposal to Lara Hansen and COBI early the week of Feb 5
- Week of Feb 12: CCAC discusses this proposal as part of their Feb 12 or 13 meeting. Karen can attend to answer questions, etc.
- Week of Feb 12: Karen meets with Lara to discuss next steps