



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

CLIMATE CHANGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018
CITY HALL
280 MADISON AVENUE
NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

MINUTES

Attending: David McCaughey, Deb Rudnick, Derik Broekhoff, Joe Deets, Lara Hansen, and Gary Lagerloef.

Visiting: Gloria Saylor, Maradel Gale

Meeting called to order at 6:28 PM.

Joe asked to add Solar Access to the Agenda.

Lara moved to approve the July minutes. Seconded by Gary and passed.

Public Comment: No comments.

New Business: Update on GHG emissions inventory: Morgan sent us an update email today, David summarized for the group. Lead Cascadia consultant has left, transitioning to new project lead. Morgan indicated that GHG inventory funds are not in the 2019/2020 budget- but the group all thought we already had this funding allocated. Joe said he will find out why this was not in the 2018 budget because we all thought it was supposed to be underway and substantially completed by 2019. Joe will come back to us. Lara emphasized that it is hard for us to do our work without this piece. Lara will also send Morgan an email to follow up on our question regarding the fund allocation.

Follow up on interviews with GHG inventory: all three went well. Gary, Morgan and 2 other city staff people. None were definitely thumbs down, felt good about all. Might be worth considering a less expensive option if we have budget concerns. Clear consensus that the interview group liked Cascadia best.

GHG emissions reductions commitments: Deb has updated our list of commitments with help from the city clerk. Deb will send this to Roz to have her post the file. Lara mentioned that she is working with another city on having a standing annual recognized climate week to reflect on progress- group thought this was a good idea.

Green Direct Program Service Agreement: PSE pitched their program; the City did not accept it and we have passed that deadline. City and a high proportion of citizens are buying Green Power, \$0.02 premium to buy RECs. David spoke to the Council about the mismatch between green direct and our interest in changing the power mix in what is delivered, and locking us in to a long-term commitment that hems us in for potential future options. Mentioned other possible energy sources such as tRECs that could be available in our future, among others. Leslie and Ron were also in attendance at the meeting David discussed. Lara mentioned Peninsula Power and Light's creation of a local microgrid based on local consumer generation that could be submarketed. There was a discussion and agreement that CCAC needs to look at what our recommendations are for the best path forward for Bainbridge- what is it that we as a community want, and what we need to do in order to meet the commitments we have made as a city. We would want an additive amount put into their mix, not a reshuffling.

Gary asked is there any negotiating point we have that we could ask PSE for more on-island development so that we are not just sending our money off-island.



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I-1631: Resolution 2018-27 passed to support the initiative. Lara suggested we could have been asked to help weigh in on the language if there had been time, but we did not and apparently there was not.

Solar Access Ordinance: Discussion introduced by Joe. There is currently no legal right of our current solar systems to be protected from shading from buildings or trees. Without protection, buildings could potentially be built and shade systems.

- There is no innate right to solar on your property.
- Existing conditions prevail.

Feedback from group included:

- This is an equity issue, because when did you manage to put solar on your house.
- What about driving this with building code height?
- What about interference with native vegetation, city considers native vegetation a priority?
- Does this speak to affordable housing issues?
- We need a mix of solar requirements on single family homes on which it makes sense, and community solar where individuals cannot make solar work.
- What does this look like in other places that have implemented this?
- General sense that this is an issue that should be fully fleshed out and intersections with/conflicts with other City priorities made transparent before Council is asked to weigh in on it.

Committee staffing Issues: Angela has resigned. Mike Cox has expressed an interest in returning. Normal reappointments are in May. Joe said they will post and fill this in December.

Lara emphasized that to move forward, given lack of progress on GHG inventory contract, we need to forge ahead and have our subcommittees work on mapping out what their major priorities are for emissions reductions.

Waste subcommittee: No updates.

Transportation: Deb mentioned the email from City staff member C Berg on fleet electrification. The discussion wandered over to the Levy and stayed there for a while.

Electric Generation subcommittee: No updates.

Adaptation subcommittee: Lara went to the WA chapter of American planning association. Lara will put together notes and share out to committee.



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Michelle mentioned attending climate training at the Harvard Kennedy School which she found was excellent; will bring notes and summary to our next meeting.

Next meeting: change of date to November 28, and December 17.

Parking lot for meeting GHG reduction, ideas that were discussed during meeting: School buses-electrification and conversion? Ferry electrification is happening. How do we move towards some of these other options like Microgrids? Emergency resiliency- tying schools into microgrids? Community solar on public land.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

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