



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

CLIMATE CHANGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 29, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Committee members Jens Boemer, Michael Cox, Lara Hansen, Gary Lagerloef, Julie Matthews, Nora Ferm Nickum, Deborah Rudnick

On the phone: Committee member David McCaughey

Absent: Committee members Derik Broekhoff; Council Liaison Joe Deets

Public: James Halbrook, Andy Swain (PSE), Gloria Saylor

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

- Conflict of interest disclosure: This is Jens Boemer's first official meeting as a Committee member. He said that Electric Power Research Institute works closely with power utilities like Puget Sound Energy, but everything he says in these meetings is not at all associated with the EPRI; he is only here as a citizen of Bainbridge Island.

Minutes from the previous meeting (July 17, 2019) were approved.

Public Comment

- James Halbrook said it seems like the Planning Commission and the Council are not taking climate change seriously enough. He urged the Committee to address growth as a critical part of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

City Council study session and follow-up

- At the recent Council study session there was discussion about how our planned survey is important to get input from more people in the community beyond those who can come to a workshop.
- The Council wants to review the draft targets before the draft Climate Action Plan is sent out.

Survey, workshop, and Climate Action Plan

- We discussed comments on the draft community survey. We aim to get it out by Sept. 16. Distribution ideas: City Manager's email, COBI Connects, school district, Bainbridge Review, Farmers Market booth, ask other groups on the island to send it out through their distribution lists, ferry rides, faith communities.
- Timeline: We aim to do the survey in Sept/Oct, the workshop in Oct/Nov, a draft plan in January, and then have an approved plan in the spring.
- We reviewed a proposed template for the focus area write-ups, as well as the overall plan outline.

GHG Inventory Report/Fact Sheet

- Committee members will discuss the greenhouse gas inventory draft report at the Sept. 18 Committee meeting, and then consolidate comments and questions for the City to send to the consultants.
- The consultants are on the Oct. 1 Council agenda to present the inventory results.



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Shoreline Master Program

- We are offering comments on ways that climate change elements like sea level rise should be considered in the SMP.

Sea Level Rise Preliminary Assessment for Bainbridge Island

- We received a partial draft and expect to have a full draft by the next Committee meeting.

Green Building Memo from Design Review Board and CCAC

- We discussed a draft joint letter that urges the City Council to embrace its stated goal of establishing a Green Building Code, and to have a dialogue with stakeholders about how to advance green building in the residential/commercial sector.

Greenhouse gas inventory curriculum

- Jessie Sheldon did great work this summer. ICLEI was excited. But it has been difficult to get access to the City's ICLEI account to be able to access key tools. Hopefully there can be a Memorandum of Understanding soon between the City and BISD so that a future intern can complete the curriculum.

Other Discussions

- David is working on the UAC/CCAC PSE Franchise Report.
- We need Council's instruction in order to have further conversations about the police station.
- We could do a briefing for the Planning Commission.
- We could have a booth at the Farmers Market and include opportunities to take the survey there.
- PSE had a call-in Town Hall answering community questions. The recording should be posted on PSE's Bainbridge Island website. PSE also did a survey to understand what people are thinking about. This fall, PSE will be sharing ideas about how they could help improve service reliability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.



Co-Chair

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