

CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Committee members Jens Boemer, Derik Broekhoff, Lara Hansen, Gary Lagerloef, David McCaughey, Nora Ferm Nickum, Deborah Rudnick; Council Liaison Joe Deets

Absent: Committee members Michael Cox, Julie Matthews

Public/guests: Gloria Sayler, Andy Swayne (PSE), Susan Loftus, Tom Hinz, Iain Evans-Rapp, Andy Rovelstad, Charlotte Rovelstad

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.
 - Conflict of interest disclosure: Jens Boemer reminded everyone of his standard statement (see past meeting minutes).
2. Minutes from the previous meeting (November 18, 2019) were approved.
3. Public comment
 - Andy Swayne (PSE) said he is here as a resource if useful.
 - Gloria Saylor said she attended the Saturday workshop; she thought it was well done and great to see the turnout.
 - High schooler Iaian Evans-Rapp said the Committee should try to bring in some younger people.
 - Charlotte Rovelstad said she went to the workshop last Wednesday and everyone did a great job. She would like the Climate Action Plan to consider more elements including current threats and vulnerability to near-term climate shocks, and our current destruction of the environment (e.g., through harmful pesticides and insect die-offs). She asked this Committee to support the Council in studying and adopting Rights of Nature. Finally, she recommended that we change the requirements for Committee membership as they seem to exclude youth.
4. BI Mobility Alliance presentation (alliance's name is changing soon)
 - Susan Loftus said that the BI Mobility Alliance was founded two years ago with the goal of expanding biking and walking. The group is active in the Sustainable Transportation Plan process. They were thrilled that the Council recently adopted a resolution to decrease GHG emissions by 90% by 2040. Another important element in the Sustainable Transportation Plan is using an equity lens (including gender). Access to e-bikes is important to increase bicycling, especially on a hilly island. They'll be advocating for mobility hubs that connect multiple modes of transportation.
5. Reflections on community workshops
 - A total of over 150 people attended the community workshops held on Dec. 7 and 11.
 - We shared some of the ideas that came up in the breakout groups. Chapter authors will use the ideas received at the workshop to add/refine focus area strategies and actions.

6. Draft schedule for updating Climate Action Plan
 - We reviewed the draft schedule (see meeting packet).
7. Draft 2019 Progress Report and 2020 Workplan
 - Edit: Say we will do “a workshop and a survey” (not “several workshops”). We can note that people will also have the opportunity to comment by coming anytime to one of our monthly meetings.
8. PSE study session with Utilities Advisory Committee
 - There will be a joint session for the UAC and CCAC with Puget Sound Energy on February 3. It will be open to the public. PSE will send subject matter experts.
9. PSE slide deck from Jens
 - Jens shared a presentation with thoughts on PSE’s Integrated Resource Plan and its Bainbridge Island initiative to improve reliability of service (see meeting packet).
10. Police/court building
 - Council wants it to be as energy-efficient as possible. We aren’t sure what the building’s current energy performance is. The cost of additional energy efficiency should be done as a lifetime assessment. The City could put out an RFP for an energy audit. PSE advisors could also take a look.
 - Lara mentioned that the Climate Change Adaptation Certification Tool could be used to take a look at the police/court building. It takes a couple of hours to run a project through the tool.
11. Other updates, report-outs, and other business
 - Troubleshooting ICLEI access information for Committee and BI School District.
 - Checked in on status of Green Building Code process – take it up with the new Council in the new year.
 - It was raised that Bainbridge Island should declare a climate emergency like the City of Tacoma recently did; Lara will send around that declaration.
 - Climate and Energy Forum: January 11 from 10-12. The Committee voted and supports having City Hall be the venue for this event.
 - Movies that Matter: January 9 at 7 pm at Bainbridge Public Library, topic is small-scale agriculture.
12. Upcoming meetings
 - Wednesday, January 15, 6:30-8:30 pm.
 - Monday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 pm.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Co-Chair

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