

Climate Change Advisory Committee  
Wednesday October 20, 2021

**Present:** Committee members Deborah Rudnick, David McCaughey, Jens Boemer, Derik Broekhoff, Michael Cox, Julie Mathews, Steve Richard, Lara Hansen, John Kydd

**Council Liaison:** Kirsten Hytopoulos

**City staff:** Ellen Schroer, Autumn Salamack, Maureen Whalen, Chris Wierzbicki

**Call meeting to Order:** 5:33 pm

**Conflict of Interest:** none.

**Modifications to Agenda:** Jens would like to add conversion of commercial buildings into resiliency hub if time allows.

**Approve September 15 minutes:** With one small change offered by Steve he motioned to approve, David seconds, minutes approved by all.

**Public comment:** no comments.

**Discussion:**

1. **Welcome Autumn Salamack, new climate change officer!** Autumn has been working in private industry as well as local governments and community orgs on electrification, renewable energy, zero waste, pollution prevention and more. Most recently City of Shoreline environmental services coordinator leading their solid waste, salmon safe, and climate. Prior to that worked with King County Metro Transit and Kitsap County, worked on RePower Kitsap and collaborating with RePower Bainbridge. Looking forward to getting our CAP to implementation and building resilience. Appreciates that our CAP was built by community, acknowledges its ambitious list and timelines. She pointed out that we are particularly electricity dependent, which is different from many communities trying to transition off of LNG. Also points out our vulnerability to sea level rise. Getting up to speed on the GHG and actions. Thinking about the three buckets of activities, and interested in some low-barrier community discussions, use community engagement to drive priority action. She will have lots of questions for us. She'll be staffing many of the CCAC meetings. Drafting a first birthday commemoration of the CAP with the City. Spoke to the Community Climate Solutions website she had worked with. Found it to be a useful tool in Shoreline to energize community and frame policies around, as well as interface with community on information and resources.

2. **Status of Groundwater Management Plan: Maureen Whalen.** Has been working through revisions to goals. PPT slides in attachments. Offering an opportunity to help with GWMP development through to actual live and useful document. Would like to start brainstorming in November. Committee provided some feedback on some of the goals wording. Deb and Mike volunteered to be part of GWMP advisory committee.
3. **PSE Franchise Update: Chris Wierzbicki.** PSE franchise agreement development delayed while new City Manager came on board, able to get draft documents to PSE and they are anticipating on meeting with City on this soon. Current franchise agreement expires in April, does carry past due date until new one in place but goal to have approved by then. Attachments in meeting packet. Lara asked whether there is anything binding in the partnership agreement, Chris explained no, but one way to have influence is via Green Direct, and link to franchise document so that it acknowledges the partnership agreement. Chris explains that the franchise agreement helps the city protect itself from liability or issues in the right of way. Derik asked about what net zero by 2030 meant in the document and Chris said he could bring this question back to PSE; Mike stated that he thought this was an 80% carbon free by 2030 target. There will be an opportunity for public comment when staff takes the draft documents to City Council. Mike commented that PSE is hoping to roll out demand reduction programs in January. Jens asked about resiliency as part of the partnership agreement, Chris can follow up with Jens on this but some of this is covered under the distributed energy storage/demand reduction component of the agreement.
4. **EV Infrastructure #14 and Combustible Fuels #8:** Steve presented information on these two priority actions. Additional information in the meeting packet for both these steps. Steve reviewed recent electrification ordinance movements in California. Our restriction to the state energy code is a barrier to electric conversion policies. As we don't have not gas, our issue is with propane tanks. All new construction seems to be installing heat pumps. Do we want to encourage electrification beyond heating? We should be talking about this issue specifically with GBTF, and feedback that we should be addressing current building stock; focusing on propane due to its large carbon footprint; and keeping in mind equity issues with respect to wood burning policies. EVs: 2021 law requires 10% of off-street spaces to be wired for EV. No limit on reaching above state code and many cities have created greater requirements. Urge that we have EV-readiness integrated into commercial and residential construction. Go for complete readiness? A question to be explored in terms of cost implications of EV-ready, what are the barriers to 100% readiness.
5. **CAP Implementation Priorities:** priority matrix in notes, hopefully helpful to Autumn in her considerations.

## CAP Updates

**REAC/CCAC Subgroup:** Lara and Mike attended, Lara presented two additional questions for consideration to add equity considerations, left them with those questions and asked them to review and give feedback as to whether these were useful.

**Biodigester:** Deb reported that the CCAC Subgroup with Joe Deets is moving forward with meetings with Impact BioEnergy and an equity firm to explore feasibility. Impact and equity has provided a letter of interest to the City, we have in hand documents from an earlier evaluation, and they will be pursuing additional feasibility evals. City Manager has been briefed and subgroup met briefly with him; he noted the absence of a franchise agreement with BID, and the importance of ascertaining feasibility.

**SLR Grant Opportunity:** Mike reviewed the current grant proposal, has been submitted by Peter. Peter wants to start thinking about the public engagement side and possible CCAC role.

**Green Building Task Force:** Not currently meeting, will get back to us when there is more information. David asked if there is still an extant task force, and Ellen confirmed that, will need to check on the current work plan. Kirsten added that City Council discussed hiring a lobbyist on the reach goals.

**Single Use Plastics Ordinance:** Draft plastics ordinance in development with subgroup and 3 council members. Includes fee on disposable cups, grants for assistance with businesses that need to upgrade to reusables, home-compostable ware definitions for materials, refillable or compostable packaging for personal care products in hotels. Please express personal support if you feel so inclined. Kirsten mentioned that she is pushing to move this forward. CCAC will probably not see this in a collective form but there will be opportunities for public comment when this comes before City Council for individual input.

Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm.

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Co-Chair

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