

**Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021**

Present – Committee members Michael Cox, Steve Richard, Deborah Rudnick (late), David McCaughey, Julie Mathews, Derik Broekhoff, John Kydd, Lara Hansen

Council Liaisons – Joe Deets, Kirsten Hytopoulos

City Staff – Autumn Salamack, Mark Epstein

Approval of October minutes – John moved to approved, Steve seconded, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public members. Autumn mentioned people just calling in can hit *6 to speak and *7 to raise their hand and that we can mention that whenever public does call in.

Discussion

2022 Climate Officer Workplan – Autumn

Four major areas presented. This is in draft form and open to feedback and discussion. Sent out subsequently by Ellen in draft form, for review purposes only.

1. Education/ Outreach (\$75k)

- Community Climate Challenge
- Graphic designer
- Monthly climate centric communications
- Annual Progress report

2. Mitigation (\$270K)

- Municipal actions -i.e., evaluate COBI fleet, electric upgrades at Town Square & City Hall, convert COBI landscape fleet to zero emissions
- Waste reduction/composting (provide businesses education and financial support for new plastic ordinance, residential education and home composting)
- Energy Green Building (working with PSE to implement PSE/COBI agreement & reduce demand increase resiliency, develop green building policies and codes, review code to promote energy efficiency)
- Transportation- support sustainable transportation plan, work with school district to implement commute trip reduction. CCAC recommended adding idling, possibly starting with City to lead by example. Joe mentioned the importance of

3. Adaptation/ Resiliency (\$7- 307K)- many of these are already underway

- Increase resiliency for at least one disaster hub
- Create high resolution SLR mapping
- Formalize use of EcoAdapt tool
- Create list of tree and plant species-

4. Other- (\$4K)

- Develop climate equity lens
- Metrics to support CAP goals
- Upgrade GHG inventory
- Track climate related legislation
- Engage in biodigester effort

Reviewed her proposed work plan. Joe mentioned the importance of things like promoting Pingo ride app, Kitsap transit investing in more electric and diesel.

Lara discussed bringing some metrics for adaptation from a NOAA grant she is wrapping up mid-2022.

Mark Epstein, Sustainable Transportation Plan

Selecting projects for near term action plan, 1, 4 and 10 year timeframes. More projects than we have resources, upwards of \$170M. How do we prioritize, should we be tracking GHG accounting on a per-project or systems basis. Derik emphasized taking a more systemic approach and thinking more about whole systems goals and how well our prioritize align with where we want to go in sustainable transportation. Council request to evaluate GHG emissions impacts from sustainable transportation projects. Reducing VMTs and reducing GHGs: Eyes on the prize of VMT reductions, ghg through the lens of the emissions inventory, and it also includes resilience and vulnerability reduction. Kirsten clarified that they are looking for feedback to council as to the appropriateness of their ask.

Climate Action Plan Updates

- 18 actions: keep an eye on your action items
- REAC: from the presentation Mike and Lara gave, REAC had great questions on the equity lens, but separate from a climate lens, Lara suggested that they consider developing an equity lens because their list was so comprehensive. She is still eager to include relevant questions in the climate lens. They did not provide feedback on the specific questions that Lara was hoping to get back. Follow up after December 7 equity in climate presentation.
- Groundwater management: Maureen has an aggressive timeline for developing a GWP, good group of 2 UAC, 3 ETAC, 2 CCAC. Lots of good discussions and brainstorming in the first meeting last night.
- Biodigester: meeting tomorrow with City Manager and Impact bioenergy and CCAC members. We received some good responses to our questions, and Blair is engaged. Joe will talk to Blair Friday.
- Single Use plastics ordinance: Ordinance passed, implementation and how we support the business community are the asks moving forward- implementation delayed a year, looking at examples and opportunity to really gear up for 2023 implementation.
- Capstone student: Student will be conducting research with senior center community; Autumn will be attending. Deb suggested being careful about the use of the term reluctance in framing her discussions as that can be a leading term.

John Kydd gave a short update on his COP26 travels. Met with Glasgow mayor and other mayors and was heartened by some local examples of cities taking this seriously. We are off track. The US has a manic depressive reputation with respect to climate change. We need to stop tacking way right and left and fulfill our commitments. Spoke to indigenous knowledge systems as essential to climate justice; Joe mentioned expanding relationship with Suquamish Tribe and forming intergovernmental committee.

Lara recommended the Mt. Vernon mayor spoke on the radio around flooding and she was right on target in her comments regarding climate change adaptation.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

12/15/21

Co-Chair

Approved