

**Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 16, 2022**

Present: Committee members Michael Cox (vice chair), Steve Richard, Deborah Rudnick (secretary), David McCaughey (Chair), John Kydd, Jens Boemer, Julie Matthews, Lara Hansen

Council Liaison: Kirsten Hytopoulos, Leslie Schneider

City staff: Autumn Salamack, Mark Epstein

Attendees: Andy Swayne, Brandon Capps, Sean Esterly (NREL), Peter Harris

No conflicts of interest stated.

Approval of February minutes: moved by John Kydd, seconded by Julie, edits by Jens: could you consider moving the note from public comment to conflict of interest, finish biodigester sentence; all approve minutes.

Public Comment: none

Discussion:

Requests/Information/Updates from COBI Climate Mitigation/Adaptation Officer (Autumn Salamack)

1. Request: COBI application for renewable energy technical assistance program (Sean Easterly from NREL will be available for questions) Link to program:

<https://www.nrel.gov/state-local-tribal/etipp-technical-assistance.html> (application attached in meeting package)

Autumn is planning to submit application, asking for possible

1) subgroup to assist her: Julie, Jens and Steve volunteered.

Take to CC and ask for CM endorsement on April 12 meeting, and also

2) an endorsement from committee: Deb moved to adopt with one tense change (provide to provided) noted by John, seconded by John, approved by all.

Sean Esterly from NREL PNW regional lead, introduced himself – will manage technical assistance effort once communities are selected. Access to regional NREL.

Recommends letter from City as well as CCAC – at least 2 letters of commitment. Elected officials writing in support would be useful. Bainbridge qualifies as an island community. Asks for us to show our case for any of the energy dependency/reliability issues, which we have a good case for given our single transmission line. Sean was not involved in round 1, but 12 communities were awarded, similar number this year. Would be modeling a mix of renewable energy sources that would help us meet our renewable energy goals. Autumn does not believe this will be a conflict with PSE's trajectory- we will be focused on what Bainbridge can generate locally. SparkNW as a resource- works with many NW communities.

2. Request: Climate Smart Bainbridge: Branding and Challenge Update

Climate Smart Challenge and term limited position to help with community engagement

New logo for Climate Smart Bainbridge branding for climate action programs (see attached logo)

CCAC endorsement for the “Why Join” letter for the climate challenge website (see attached “Why Join...”) – our CCAC listed along with the CC.

Post for part-time position to support community climate change is out.

Thursday April 21 as community climate kick-off on zoom.

John asked about the possibility of a pledge- the challenge cannot be necessarily

Lara mentioned and CC members echoed this sign-on letter could be a little broader, more engaging- Autumn will look at this. Motion by David, to sign on to the letter pending Autumn’s edits to the comments provided, seconded by John.

3. Request: Potential for CCAC education and outreach sub-committee to assist with workshops, climate challenge,

Earth Month table, etc. – Deb, John, Julie volunteered to assist with review of materials.

Multiple tabling events possible to assist Autumn and part-time staff person when they are on-board.

Lara proposed a google sheet for tabling opportunities Autumn could develop for CCAC members.

4. Info: General updates

RFQ for “Measuring GHG emissions reductions associated with sustainable transportation options” (final

draft RFQ attached)

Lara asked about timing on RFQ- probably starting this summer and extending about a year.

State is moving forward on VMT- Derik would be a good person to engage with on the methodology used by the consultant- assumptions could run astray if we are not careful about the parameters- Autumn assured us that Derik has been involved.

ARPA-funded Solar/battery energy storage at community disaster hubs is getting contracted specifications evaluations developed at 6 sites (community center, hyla, BHS, BI Rec Center, Bloedel, Battle Point Park)

Lara mentioned more climate resilience funding moving through the omnibus bill, with guidance for local communities- she will share with Autumn

New website resources:

- o Replace your wood stove page: <https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/1355/Replace-your-wood-stove>

- o Climate Smart video tips for reducing emissions with wood smoke (view at the ~3:08 mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjXWQO8dd5w>.

- o Reduce junk mail page: <https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/1337/Reduce-waste>
[IPCC Sixth Assessment Report](#) (February 28th)

- o Link to summary report for policymakers: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/>
- o Summary of key takeaways from the latest IPCC report (see attached - from King County staff)

6:45 Discussion and approval of CCAC recommendations on Sustainable Transportation Plan (Steve Richards –

see attached in meeting packet.

Makes statement in support of Scenario 2 and an emphasis on these additional elements being considered, including VMT, electrification, and larger planning and zoning issues.

Leslie – focus on getting people out of SOVs so electrification was not a priority in the approach; could add these comments as part of the record to the plan. If the recommendation for a transportation commission moves forward, this could get moved forward to commission.

Kirsten added that she does feel these recommendations need to get analyzed and considered in a considered way moving forward.

Lara- another plug for the importance for ensuring that the mitigation actions we take embed adaptation into those actions.

Mark added that these issues can get integrated into the next iteration of the plan – when sustainable transportation gets incorporated with the island-wide transportation plan, as part of the comprehensive plan. Something like the program element tying in land use with transportation will likely take input from council- but by having the committee flag it, that will give the issue in more prominence in Winslow and comprehensive planning moving forward.

Moved by Steve that committee approve of the letter with additions provide by Lara related to adaptation, seconded by Lara. All approved.

7:00 Discussion and approval of Sustainable Transportation Metrics and Sustainable Construction Tools (Mike Cox

– see links)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RtD-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RtD-RJsQD842ugKnrQdQq9eHqLpCiRv2nsKmdvb2W8c/edit?usp=sharing)

[RJsQD842ugKnrQdQq9eHqLpCiRv2nsKmdvb2W8c/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RtD-RJsQD842ugKnrQdQq9eHqLpCiRv2nsKmdvb2W8c/edit?usp=sharing)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14CJZosPhg3uBXerTg7c6kKG9AM_VDawNh9mSg0GvYfc/edit?usp=sharing

Mike suggests and Autumn concurs- this should go to Autumn and to public works staff as resources

Mike moves to approve these documents as resources to be shared with Autumn and public works, David seconds, all approve

7:10 PSE – Questions from CCAC on CEIP (David McCaughey – see attached)

Committee wants to wait until we receive answers from PSE

7:20 Climate Action Plan Updates

- Waste Management and Biodigester (Autumn/Subgroup)- at Feb 22 meeting council directed CM to 1) consider suitability of Vincent Rd site, limited to Bainbridge only feedstock, and the second was to look at the city's solid waste structure – Deb just has a question about the limitation to Bainbridge feedstock, she'll follow up with Joe and Blair.

- UW intern (Autumn)- Jackie, UW Capstone student, 5 people attended senior center conversation, small but engaged group and will share that with committee in April or May- let's have her join us in April
 - Groundwater Management Plan (Deb) – can ask Maureen what kind of support might be needed on outreach – Autumn mentioned aligning messaging with climate challenge, so internal conversations are occurring around aligning these messages
- Recording of the groundwater management plan open house from March 2: [GWMP meeting recording](#).
- Other: Bainbridge Environmental conference all about sustainable textiles: March 27: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-all-get-dressed-garb-gear-growing-a-sustainable-clothing-economy-registration-259660069257>
 - Climate Change Café: April 2 call senior center (206)842-1616 to register.

7:28 Adjourn

Chair / Co-Chair

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