

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 20, 2022

Present: Committee members Steve Richard (volunteer emcee), Deborah Rudnick (secretary), John Kydd, Julie Matthews, Lara Hansen, Derik Broekhoff, Jens Boemer

Council Liaison: Leslie Schneider (left early)

City staff: Autumn Salamack, climate officer and staff liaison

Attendees: Jacquelyn Shaff (will be speaking)

No conflicts of interest stated

Approval of March minutes: Julie moves, seconded by John, all approve.

Public Comment: none

Discussion:

5:45 Climate Officer Updates (Autumn Salamack)

- [Climate Smart Challenge](#) – April 21st community webinar
- Upcoming public events for Climate Smart Bainbridge program – soliciting volunteers to help staff tables
 - April 24th Earth Day event –Julie helping staff table and Monthly Farmer’s Market table
 - Community Volunteer Opportunities .xlsx – link was not working in packet, but she will share the file with all of us for May – August farmers market table: May 7, June 18, July 16, August 13.
- Solar and battery energy storage project: ARPA funds for developing solar and storage at 6 of our 16 emergency/disaster hubs: waterfront rec center; bi rec center; Bloedel; BHS; Hyla; and battle point. Bloedel and battle point carport. Leslie mentioned the importance of battery storage to function for emergency use. Does it make sense to make it possible to charge EVs at these centers- is that being considered? Autumn: battery storage: minimum of 3 days, we could discuss whether that should be increased, and whether there might be opportunities for EV infrastructure. Have reviewed solar capacity at a very high level.
<https://bainbridgeprepares.org/teams/hubs/>
- STEP/GHG Emissions RFQ – responses due April 28th (see attached in meeting packet)
 - Help us look at additional actions that could help us identify additional sources of emissions reductions; and measure GHG in a consistent manner for our ongoing inventory. Our existing data is based off of PSRC modeling, at a larger scale; hoping to build on transportation planning and projects already occurring at the City
 - Leslie asked about reductions in taxes from gas taxes and looking at this potential reduction in revenue stream and what might be possible to put in its place. PSRC is doing some investigating on this front and she shared some information:
<https://waroadusagecharge.org/>

- ETIPP application- in April 12th Council agenda packet
 - Looking for increased resilience and reduced timeframe for achieving clean energy goals. They are evaluating in mid-May and hoping to announce in mid-June.
- PSE Green Power program participation: city has been participating since 2017. In the past we've paid for a fixed monthly amount for electricity use, and if we don't true this up at the end of the year, we may go a bit over or under. The last 2 years we have gone under. Autumn submitting a request that we go back to 100% clean energy for the next few years, until there is enough of a shift under CETA. John wondered if we got a response from PSE regarding our written questions about their carbon reduction statements- Jens believes we got these and David shared these on April 6. Jens says 14% of BI electricity customers have signed up for green power- that's the highest in the entire PSE coverage area. We haven't achieved a critical mass of customers to influence the energy mix by PSE, nor could we even with total participation from the Island. This is a complex issue that we need a simple way to explain, and the committee may want to think on this some more.
- EVs and alternative fuels – next steps for the COBI fleet: 6 year electrification plan for fleet, including biofuel transition. Have been having a number of conversations on grant opportunities on this front. There's a lot of effort and communication around car-sharing and EVs. Kitsap transit – 30 EBs by 2024, and hydrogen fuel cells as well; parks is already transitioning hand-held equipment as is COBI- zero-emission landscaping tools.
- EV-ready code: Having initial conversations between PW and planning to move forward with an EV-ready code for new commercial and multifamily construction.
- Business Ambassador program – Plastic Free Restaurant rebates thru May 31 to pay restaurants for transitioning to durables. Working with chamber of commerce and zero waste as "ambassadors". Some reports in from customers that they are still seeing materials out, business ambassadors will do some more site visits. Promoting early compliance with regs starting Jan 2023: for in-house dining to be non-disposable and takeaway "home compostable"; 25cent fee for single-use coffee cups; prohibiting single-use shampoos and the like for hotels.
- Solid waste and biodigester – next steps – ad hoc solid waste committee formed to consider Vincent rd site and look at overall waste system- REAC, Zero waste, chamber. They are meeting in early May. Autumn will follow up with CM on whether CCAC should be involved in this committee too. Draft RFP to look at consultant support.
- PSE has done some initial work on potential for community solar and there is some initial indication- awareness that also have biodigester evaluation going on and need to be cognizant of both.
- COBI and Poulsbo meeting – collaboration to see where interests overlap. CM, Poulsbo's mayor, and council participation.
- CCAC Applications due by April 29th – for those whose terms are expiring- Julie, Jens, and Deb.

6:15 UW Intern Report out on Senior Center Focus Group (Jackie Shaff -see attached in meeting packet)

- Focus group results from work with Bainbridge Senior Center to better understand seniors' concerns, values and norms that influence willingness to adopt CAP actions
- Jackie is a master's student in marine and public affairs, and program on climate change. This was her capstone project.
- Jackie will follow up with Mike and Autumn with reports; she is happy to share any of her presentation resources and the full list of 26 original people who indicated interest.

- Jackie and Autumn both said that the biggest surprise was how knowledgeable and interested the participants were.
- John asked about areas of particular interest- barriers had to do with costs and home ownership were particularly mentioned. It would be interesting to follow up with a younger cohort to see how that compares/contrasts.
- More reminders and different ways to reach out.

6:30 Climate Action Plan Updates

- Groundwater Management Plan – Maureen is working on a lot of data compilation and structuring the plan report; she is working with Christian Berg who gave us an update on the well monitoring network that they are trying to expand- folks can reach out to Deb if they are on a private well and might be interested in participating in that monitoring network.
- John mentioned efforts to move forward with Interfaith Climate Circle, developing a pledge
- Other: sign up for the community climate challenge and help spread the word! Webinar April 21
<https://www.climatesmartbainbridge.org>

7:00 Adjourn

Co-Chair

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