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AGENDA

- 5:30 Call meeting to Order/Roll Call/Accept of Modify Agenda/Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- 5:35 Approve October 19th minutes
- 5:40 Public Comment
- 5:45 Climate Officer Updates and Questions (Autumn Salamack)
- [BRIC grant application](#) for sea-level rise assessment of shoreline roads.
 - ETIPP scope of work
 - 2023 waste reduction – [new educational materials in English and Spanish](#) and Erase the Waste pledge participation
 - COBI Fleet Electrification Strategy
 - Solar and battery energy storage at disaster hubs – Council approved funding
 - Annual CAP Report
- 6:15 Updates
- Sustainable Transportation (Mike/David/Steve)
 - EV Parking Infrastructure (David/Mike/Steve)
 - Secretary (Mike)
 - REAC Recommendations for Zero Emissions Project (Mike – see attached)
 - Clean Energy and Building Fund (Kevin)
 - Other
- 7:00 Adjourn

Materials

1. October minutes
2. REAC Recommendations for Zero Emissions Project

**Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2022**

Action Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Mike Cox.

Roll call: Jens, Kevin, Julie, Steve, Ellen, Autumn, Clarissa, Derek, Kristin

Modify agenda? None. But shifting Dana to the first on the agenda.

Conflict of interest disclosure? None.

Motion to approve the Sept 21 minutes by Julie: seconded. (At the end of the meeting, Jens asks that we amend the minutes to show that he was present at the last meeting. Mike moved to approve and it was seconded and approved by the committee.)

Public comments: Clarissa San Diego. On behalf of COBI Race Equity Advisory Committee. Responding to a request from Autumn and Public Works Director Chris for guidance. Clarissa proposes a proactive outreach program in English and Spanish using racial equity toolkit. This was outlined in a letter to the Committee. Would like us to take the letter under consideration as we explore possibilities for recommending policies.

Action Item. Mike recommends that we review the letter and revisit this with Clarissa at our next session. Committee members agreed to review this in advance of our next session in November.

Dana Rollison from Derek Kilmer's staff. Provides an introduction of herself: Senior Advisor for Internal Resources. And provides a context for where the IRA currently sits. Agencies are currently trying to sort out how to utilize the money allocated to them. Dana mentions the rebate and tax credit calculator from the White House. Dana answers a series of questions from those in the meeting. Also shares links from Evergreen Action (<https://www.evergreenaction.com/documents/The-Climate-Impact-of-the-IRA.pdf>) and the US Senate (https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/summary_of_the_energy_security_and_climate_change_investments_in_the_inflation_reduction_act_of_2022.pdf).

Kevin mentions the IRA calculator from Rewiring America (<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>).

Action Item. Kevin to do additional investigation into when rebates for IRA will become available to island residents.

Autumn provides updates. Headway on waste reduction regulations and on outreach regarding new plastics ordinances - working with the Chamber to create graphics and online communications. Have put out a request for bids to create a comprehensive plan to electrify the city vehicles. Have pushed ahead with outreach to BI schools and have developed curricula and lesson plans; connected with Ordway; Hannah is utilizing the climate curricula attached to Climate Smart Bainbridge as part of sessions with a set of fourth-graders.

Exploring possibilities for e-bike sharing. Have an Urban Fellow who is working to enter city building assets into Portfolio Manager to track energy use, and she is developing a survey to solicit feedback from the community.

Action Item. Autumn will share the link to a draft of the survey.

Mike mentions that Greg Dunkirk is starting an EV sharing program. Autumn continues: working with COBI Planning Commission on plans for making new construction EV-ready for charging. And she talks about next steps on Disaster Energy Hubs.

Mike mentions his work with Rotary and their interest in capital projects like the Disaster Energy Hubs.

Ellen raises the question about ongoing role of the CCAC now that the plan has been finished and Autumn is in place. Continuing to discuss how we support Autumn, how she can use us, and what role we can play.

Action Item. Mike raises the possibility about forming a subgroup of the committee to make our interactions swifter and more efficient. Mike asks Ellen about the formal letter that the CCAC sent to Council to consider if there are ways for us to revise how we communicate and collaborate as a committee in relation to the Open Public Meetings Act. Ellen says the Council has not had time to assess. The plan is to address this in November.

Kevin talks about working on a draft of a document to define a potential green energy fund to help accelerate actions island residents could take to lower emissions. Autumn and Steve press for clearer definitions of what problem the fund is trying to solve.

Action Item. Mike and Kevin agree to take another pass at the draft document for the fund and to try to sharpen/clarify the argument in those areas. Jens and Mike talk about perhaps forming a smaller group to work on this.

John K, CCAC member, is going to COP in Egypt. Last time he went, he got a letter from the city saying who he was and saying that he could act as a sort of emissary from the city as he talks with mayors and other COP attendees. Joe Deets asked the committee to confirm that this is a good idea. The committee agreed that it is a good idea.

Action Item. John will work with Joe on the letter. We are hoping that John will do a report on his experience at COP like the one he did after the last COP he attended.

Mike raises the issue of who will serve as co-secretary. Derek and Kevin volunteered to assist Deb.

Action Item. Going forward, Derek and Kevin will split responsibilities for capturing the minutes and finalizing them before the following meeting of the committee.

Jens asks Autumn for an update on discussion with PSE. Autumn talks about the status of the conversations about the partnership agreement and the franchise agreement. She says that PSE has hired a new person who would be our liaison and that that person will be in place in the coming weeks and then should be able to start attending committee meetings.

Action Item. Jens and Mike discuss what PSE has been touting in terms of progress on meeting upcoming state mandates for clean energy. Mike suggests that we invite them to our next meeting,

Steve asks Autumn for an update on the status of the work plan we reviewed earlier in the summer. Autumn explains how she is working with the Council on budgeting for the respective items and what is realistic to do and in what order.

Jens asks Autumn for an update on ETIPP. She explains that there is a good scope of work identified.

Action Item. Jens asks Autumn to send him a draft of the ETIPP scope of work document so that he can review.

Mike signs the revised minutes.

Mike adjourns the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Co-Chair

Date

REAC Recommendation for Zero Emissions Project

On August 4, 2022, Public Works Director Chris Wierzbicki and Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Officer Autumn Salamack consulted with REAC on applying a race equity lens on the City's proposed Zero Emissions Project. The following is REAC's recommended strategy for the Zero Emissions Project with an emphasis on ways to mitigate possible harms on BIPOC communities.

Our primary recommendation is for the City and the Public Works Department to develop and implement a proactive outreach program to intentionally reach out to BIPOC community members that will be most affected by this change in policy. Steps to include:

1. Identify the community members who will be most affected by the implementation of this program. A few suggestions are:
 - a. Latinx business owners who live off-island who conduct the majority of their business on Bainbridge.
 - b. Bainbridge Island Homeowners who use both these tools themselves as well those who employ landscapers.
 - c. Local climate advocacy groups.
2. Proactively speak to these stakeholders to gain a first-hand account of how they believe this policy will change their business. This is **not** a survey; this is a collection of qualitative conversations. Please go prepared with strategies to have these conversations in languages other than English.
3. Implement insights gained in collaboration with representatives from affected communities.

Questions to Consider

- Can the business owners and community members afford to replace this equipment with or without assistance from the city?
- What are the logistical barriers for the charging, purchasing, and movement of this equipment and their batteries? Do these logistical changes create an additional financial burden on homeowners or business owners?
- What is the emotional burden of having to discuss this policy with the people who hire them and to share this news with their employees who will also be financially impacted?
- How is COBI ensuring the community, specifically business owners, are contacted and understand the regulation or policy?
- Will COBI mitigate any of the costs or impacts born by individuals or groups caused by this regulation or policy and, if so, how?
- If any unforeseen harm to groups or individuals ensues from this regulation or policy, what steps is COBI willing to take to mitigate that harm?

Possible Solutions

Note: Because none of the REAC members are business owners in the field of landscape design and maintenance, we are only able to make assumptions on equity issues we see in this project. This is to say **that regarding issues facing business owners, the voices of the BIPOC business owners should be taken as a more reliable truth.**

- Provide rebates or financial assistance to help landscaping businesses make the transition from gas- to battery-powered tools.
- Pilot a program with landscapers. Provide a financial incentive for them to voluntarily try this approach. If it is successful, they will be more persuasive in getting others to make the transition, based on their experience.
- Outreach programs will be needed to inform the public and landscapers. No one wants to find out about the program by getting issued a fine.
- Take other measures to reduce climate change—not burden landscapers. The scapegoat seems to be noisy leaf blowers and weed whackers. Do we really need them? As Indigenous practice—and science—tell us, leaves (with the exception of leaves that pose safety hazards) are best kept on the ground. They are nutrients for grass and plants and provide shelter for wildlife.

Please direct any questions and comments to REAC Climate Action Liaison, Clarissa San Diego, at clarissa.sandiego@cobicommittee.email