Climate Change Advisory Committee Minutes
July 28, 2021

Present: Committee members Michael Cox, Steve Richard, Deborah Rudnick, David McCaughey, Jens Boemer, Derik Broekhoff, John Kydd

Council Liaison: Joe Deets

City staff: Ellen Schroer (welcome back as staff liaison), Mark Epstein, Peter Best

Additional attendees:

Call meeting to Order: 5:31 pm

Conflict of Interest: none

Approve June 16 minutes – correct location of Steve's previous residence to Lafayette CA

Public Comment: none

- Update on STFF and Senior Center, Mark Epstein-
  - Senior Center update: interior renovation selected as pilot project to run through the CC Adaptation Checklist. Will be removing some walls, adding insulation, lighting upgrades and more natural lighting, and new flooring throughout much of building. Ellen to send around Checklist to members. Preliminary discussions on efficiencies with LEDs, light quality, appliance efficiency. Could be additions to the solar capacity in future work. David suggested the portfolio manager tool for energy assessment to help with assessing conservation gains. David will share that link to committee and Mark.
  - Sustainable Transportation Plan: Mark shared slides of timeline and noted they are currently scoring projects under evaluation. Walking, biking, and transit are the major approaches to reducing VMT in SOVs. Scoring options using a number of evaluation criteria including climate action, natural systems, safety and comfort, equity, and accessibility, connected and convenient. Group discussed that we currently have inventory data for VMT that is downscaled from county, and City may need to do an add-on service for their consultant to develop performance measures and/or additional possible solutions such as opt-in community carbon footprint tracking. Derik and John agreed to speak with Mark further.

- SMP/SLR Grant – Peter Best presented possible grant opportunity from Ecology that includes opportunity to work on issues including vulnerability assessments from SLR. The grant could be a great opportunity to bring resources in to help with the ongoing SLR and SMP planning that City is currently working on and the priorities of the CAP.

Possible focus on adaptation policies and risk tolerance, and jurisdictional options, to start pilot projects such as a neighborhood-based planning process and community workshops. A key question would be what the best data sets are to use for a refined SLR analysis. Peter shared some of the graphics around the SLR work they have done so far based on climate impacts group data and models and discussed the context of this work in terms of moving explicit integration of SLR into the SMP. Deb, David, Mike volunteered, Mike volunteered Lara ☺ to review the draft proposal.

- Election of Officers: Deb approved as secretary for coming year, David moved, and Jens seconded, all approved. Steve nominated David, Derik Seconded all approved. Deb nominated Mike as vice chair, David nominates Jens declined and David withdrew, Derik seconded and all approved Mike as Vice Chair.

CAP Updates:

- Updates on climate action plan leads: Discussed the leads for the different actions and people were to get back to Mike with any corrections.
- Climate Officer: Ellen Schroer indicated they have narrowed down the candidates to 10 people and will start interviewing the week of August 10th with the goal of hiring someone by early September.
- PSE Franchise: Ellen Schroer indicated the City Manager is currently reviewing the draft PSE Franchise Agreement.
- GHG Inventory: Will discuss at the next CCAC meeting in September.
- Climate Equity with REAC: Mike indicated he had talked with a REAC member, and they will get back to us when they are prepared to talk with moving forward with the discussion. John Kydd indicated he is reaching out to the REAC and will report back at the next meeting.
- City Council Liaisons: Joe Deets discussed the Council deliberations on not having Council liaisons for citizen committees. He indicated they will discuss further at a future City Council meeting.
- Biodigester: Decided to set up subcommittee to develop plan for moving ahead Subcommittee would be comprised of David, Deb, Steve, and either Mike or Julie.
- Outreach: Discussed working with COBI Communication Director and others on Community engagement. Formed a subgroup consisting of Steve, John, and Mike to provide ideas on specific tasks. Will share at next CCAC meeting.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Co-Chair Date

Approved