

**Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Kevin.

Roll call:

- Committee members: Kevin Thomas, Mike Cox, Julie Matthews, Derik Broekhoff, John Kydd
- City Council members: Kirsten Hytopoulos, Leslie Schneider
- City Staff: Autumn Salamack

One member of the public was also in attendance.

Agenda: No additions

Conflicts of Interest: None declared

Minutes: Approved (motioned by Mike, seconded by Julie)

Public comments: None

Agenda Items

- **Follow-up on Carbon Offset Project.** The committee continued discussion of a short list of options for offsetting emissions from the new police building. There was general support for prioritizing solar power project options, including on the police building itself, based on initial analysis by city staff and committee members (Derik, Jens, and David). New information suggests that there would be less capacity on the police building roof than initially estimated. Additional options were discussed, including installing solar panels over the police building parking lot. Forest conservation (which was not on the initial list of options) was also discussed. Some questions were raised about cost estimates.

Action item: Committee members agreed to continue exploring options, including revising emission reduction numbers based on new solar panel size estimates, and obtaining better information on expected costs, and to develop a recommendation expected for the June committee meeting.

- **Developing climate lens for the comprehensive plan steering committee.** Committee members discussed what would be entailed in applying a "climate lens" for the Bainbridge Island comprehensive plan. It was clarified that the objective would be to help integrate climate change-related feedback and considerations as the comprehensive planning process progresses. The comprehensive plan steering committee would be seeking expertise and recommendations on whether plans are consistent with climate goals. Committee members discussed options for providing this input, including possible rapid feedback options (perhaps through a subcommittee) and providing input from the whole committee on key decisions. Another option

discussed was to develop a set of generic questions to guide the steering committee in applying a climate lens.

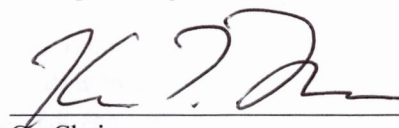
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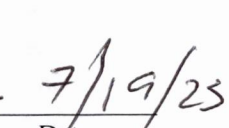
- **Heat pump pilot program update.** Kevin gave the committee an update on the heat pump pilot program. [more details?]

No immediate action items.

- **Climate manager updates.** City climate manager Autumn Salamack gave an updated on several items related to ongoing work.
 - Autumn noted the city has received electric landscaping equipment. She inquired whether the CCAC would be interested in developing a subgroup to examine a potential ordinance banning gas powered hand tools / landscaping equipment, noting that such an ordinance would require a robust community outreach and engagement plan. The objective would be to develop options for city council to consider, plus pursue engagement, especially related to equity issues (e.g., reaching out to commercial landscapers)
 - Committee members also discussed a variety of outreach efforts. It was noted that Jens and Julie participated in community outreach efforts for Earth Day. Committee members also discussed assisting with one or more climate action-themed trivia nights.
 - EV charging stations are now outside City Hall. They were immediately opened and used. They will also host a station for the ZEV Coop vehicle care sharing program starting in June.
 - Autumn attended an ETIPP joint meeting in Colorado, with representatives from other communities across United States. She noted there will be future ETIPP outreach meetings related to identifying renewable energy potential on the island.
 - The city will be hiring a new sustainability coordinator(?)
 - Under the waste reduction ordinance, the city will removing the \$0.25 fee on disposable cups, and will start phasing in requirements to make disposable containers and utensils compostable (targeting as close to 100% as possible).
 - A city intern has completed work on a system for getting real time energy consumption at facilities from PSE
 - It was noted the island will be hosting an electric vehicle exposition on May 20
 - Autumn noted that Fehr & Peers is continuing to conduct further analysis related the greenhouse gas benefits of sustainable transportation options, and that presentation of the analysis to the city council was moved to the agenda for July 18.

Julie moved to adjourn the meeting, Kevin seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.


Co-Chair


Date 7/19/23