

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM by Kevin

Roll Call

- Committee members: Derik Broekhoff (online), Julie Matthews, Steve Richard (online), Sanjay Bhat, Michael Cox, Kevin Thomas, Jens Boemer (online – left early), Ray Victorine (online)
- City Staff liaison: Autumn Salamack
- City Council liaisons: Kirsten Hytopoulos, Leslie Schneider

Agenda

Julie noted there were no minutes from the last meeting. To be provided at the February meeting.

Conflicts of Interest:

Sanjay disclosed he is marketing director at Kitsap Transit, which has a contract with COBI to promote transit, which is managed by Autumn's group in the city. He also serves on the Board with Courtyards on Madison, working with Department of Energy on community solar grant projects. Jens provided standard disclosure that he works for an institute that occasionally does business with PSE.

Public Comment

None

ETIPP Project Update

Project representatives from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) provided an update to the committee on the progress of the ETIPP project. Highlights:

- They will complete project reports in mid-February.
- Two reports to be delivered: One on their assessment of the potential for Bainbridge Island to achieve 100% renewable energy from on-island power generation, and another on enhancing power system resilience.
- The "100% RE" report will be discussed at the next CCAC meeting, February 21.
- The resilience report will be reviewed in March.

Climate Officer Updates

Autumn provided updates on city activity related to the climate action plan (CAP).

- Climate Friendly Trees
 - City is working with Drue (the city arborist) to identify priority tree species (fulfilling CAP goal).
 - There is a new webpage for climate friendly trees on the city website (link is in the meeting agenda).
- Heat Pump Pilot Program
 - Issued RFQ late in 2023. Two organizations submitted (see minutes from last meeting).
 - They were invited to submit proposal for how to design and implement a heat pump rebate program, focusing on low-income & senior homes (looking, for example, at what are they key barriers to heat pump uptake).
 - One firm submitted a proposal. Reviewing now. Should have decision by next meeting (February).

- Police and Municipal Court building (Ted Spearman Justice Center) offset project update
 - Recently put out public request to apply for funding to install 120kW system (<https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/1479/2024-Solar-PV-Application-for-Public-Pro>)
 - Have heard from WSF that they are looking at maintenance yard as an option
 - Heard interest from others as well
- EV charger update
 - Process moving forward for grant city is seeking from state to support level 2 EV charger deployment
 - Town & Country got a permit and is looking to start installation this month, in the lower level of parking lot. If it goes ahead, this will be the first DC fast charger on the island.
- Annual CAP progress report submitted to designer – should be available next week.
 - Will be shared in the city manager’s report out in February.

Dashboard Update

Committee members continued discussion of development of a climate dashboard. Mike, Ray, and Jens presented ideas they developed as members of a dashboard subcommittee.

- The dashboard would show community how BI is progressing in achieving goals of the CAP
- Mike presented a template for the dashboard, along with summary of what other city dashboards contain
- Discussion centered around:
 - How to select key data to present?
 - Who is the audience? (What data to present?)
 - How to make the dashboard useful for decision making
- Committee members raised the issue of update frequency and how to ensure the dashboard gets ongoing attention. One possibility might be to develop it as more of a storyboard, with narrative updates.

Action Items

- Subcommittee will reconvene and consider feedback
- The proposed approach is to have different committee members take charge of different sections

Other Updates

- Planning is underway for a home electrification expo, which would bring speakers, equipment demos, info on rebates, etc. related to home electrification and efficiency upgrades. However, there was a decision to move the expo to September to give more time to plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM. Sanjay motioned; Julie seconded.

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