

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Kevin

Roll call

- Committee members: Julie Matthews, Sanjay Bhat, Michael Cox, Kevin Thomas, Michael Kleeman, Steve Richards (virtual), Ray Victurine (virtual)
- City Staff liaisons: Ellen Schroer
- City Council liaisons: Kirsten Hytopoulos (virtual), Leslie Schneider

Agenda

No amendments

Conflicts of Interest

Sanjay disclosed he is marketing director at Kitsap Transit, which has a contract with the City of Bainbridge Island to promote transit. Jens works for a company that does business with Puget Sound Energy but he does not work on that account.

Minutes for February

Julie motioned for approval, Michael seconded, unanimously adopted.

Discussion on possible objectives and goals for Solid Waste Program (Blair King, City Manager)

- City Manager presented 11 objectives for a Solid Waste Management Contract and asked for feedback from the CCAC members.
- He discussed working with Bainbridge Disposal on developing a franchise agreement.
- Goal is to have a contract in place by the end of 2024.
- There were several suggestions by committee members on the goals and objectives including: addressing multifamily resident recycling; developing a waste characterization assessment to serve as a baseline for measuring progress; establishing metrics to measure progress; look at other cities as models; consider equity concerns in evaluation; and provide a robust public education program among other ideas.
- Decided to convene a subgroup to provide detailed comments to City Council and Deputy City Manager. Subgroup includes Julie, Kevin, Ray, and Mike.
- They will get their recommendations by the end of the month.

Review ETIPP Resilience Report

- Presentation on results from ETIPP resilience report.
- Several committee members asked questions about the methodology and asked for clarifications on several components of the analysis.
- The ETIPP team indicated they will get back to the CCAC with clarifications.
- Decided to convene a subgroup to provide more detailed comments on resilience report. Subgroup members include Jens, Kevin, Steve, and Mike.
- They will get comments back to ETIPP team by end of the month.

Bainbridge Island Climate Action Plan (CAP) Dashboard

- Discussed process for developing a dashboard for the CAP.
- There will be three subgroups.

- Energy/Buildings/Transportation (Steve, Derik, Sanjay, and Jens)
- Waste/Natural Environment (Ray, Michael K, and Michael C.)
- Engagement/Implementation (Julie and Kevin)
- Subgroups will meet and develop 1-3 goals for each area using criteria that includes: Tells a Story; Assists in Decision Making; Data is accessible of high quality and low costs; and staff effort.
- Subgroups will come back to the May 15 CCAC meeting to report out on their progress.

General Updates (Ellen Schroer, Deputy City Manager)

2023 Annual Report and 2024 Workplan for CCAC

- Brief City Council in April/May.

Solar PV/carbon/offset project update.

- City staff visited four sites and determined three sites were good.

Heat Pump Pilot Program update.

- Contract next step.

Ebike voucher program

- Sustainability officer working on this program.

Hire a new Climate Officer

- Several months.

EV Ready Code

- City Council discussed the implementation of the new EV Ready Code for buildings.
- They indicated they will be asking the CCAC for their input into the Code and possible modifications. Sanjay indicated he will listen to Council Study Session.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM. Julie motioned, Michael seconded.

Approved: April 17, 2024