

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM by Kevin.

Roll call

- Committee members: Steve Richard, Derik Broekhoff, Sanjay Bhat, Michael Cox, Kevin Thomas, Jens Boemer (online)
- City Staff liaison: Ellen Schroer
- City Council liaisons: Kirsten Hytopoulos, Leslie Schneider

Accept or Modify the Agenda

No amendments

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 at the city. He also serves on the Board with Courtyards on Madison, working with Department of Energy on community solar grant projects.
- Jens disclosed he is an employee of EPRI, a research institute that does work with PSE, but is not currently involved in any work with PSE.

Minutes for March meeting

Kevin motioned for approval, Michael seconded, unanimously adopted.

Public Comment

Maria Williams from Helpline House inquired about assistance from committee in considering amendments to BI EV charger requirements for new buildings.

City Liaison Updates

- Thanked committee members for presenting work plan to City Council.
- City is in process to hire a new climate officer.
- Cascadia consulting hired to help with implementation of near-term projects, including solar PV offset project, the heat pump pilot program (working with Kicking Gas), and developing a sustainability and equity lens for the city budget and city projects. Cascadia will also help with updating the island's greenhouse gas inventory (in summer).
- Ebike voucher program to be picked up in summer.
- Several CCAC member terms are expiring. Deadline is April 27 deadline for reapplying.
- EV charging code - City Council would like CCAC to review the code & recommend any changes. Sanjay summarized for the committee issues that were discussed by the Council.
 - A subcommittee was formed (Steve and Sanjay) to review and report back recommendations in May.

Review of recommendations on ETIPP implementation

- Committee members discussed proposals from committee related to implementing ETIPP report recommendations (as presented in agenda packet), including reaching target of 10% on-island renewable generation goal.
- Related to item #6 (taking advantage of grant opportunities), Sanjay suggested the addition of establishing a revolving loan fund program to support solar deployment on the island.
- Other possibilities for solar development (including designating future sites and ensuring sufficient incentives) were also discussed.
- Members also discussed recommendations related to resiliency and reiterated the importance of applying a “climate lens” tool to evaluate climate resilience in city projects.

Discussion of dashboard

- Committee members discussed a framework for a climate change action dashboard, indicating goals, metrics, and potential data sources, etc.
- Members agreed the framework is a sound basis for moving forward, and discussed how to strike a balance between “ideal” metrics and pragmatic ones (for which data can be easily obtained and updated).

CCAC updates

- Mike and Kevin presented CAP update to council.
- Also presented recommendations on solid waste program objectives, to be incorporated into council update to waste program.
- Updates were also provided on the planned home electrification expo (later in summer) and discussions of the city groundwater committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. Sanjay motioned; Mike seconded.

Approved: May 15, 2024