

Climate Change Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Kevin

Roll call:

- Committee members: Steve Richard, Derik Broekhoff, Sanjay Bhat, Kevin Thomas, Jens Boemer, Michael Kleeman (online), Julie Matthews
- City Staff liaison: Ellen Schroer
- City Manager: Blair King
- City Council liaisons: Leslie Schneider

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: Jens motioned for approval, Sanjay seconded, adopted by those present (Julie abstained since she did not attend last meeting).

Public comment: None.

Proposed Zero Emission Hand Tools Ordinance Briefing

City Manager Blair King briefed the committee on a proposed ordinance to ban gas powered hand tools & landscaping equipment. Committee members asked follow-up questions and discussed the proposal. Timing for making a decision will be around September. Kevin proposed forming a subcommittee to provide further feedback. Kevin and Julie volunteered and agreed to draft recommendations for the committee to consider, with the aim to provide feedback to the city by July.

City Liaison Updates

- The city has decided to move forward with developing a solar project with the school district (at Woodward Middle School) to offset emissions from the Ted Spearman Justice Center.
- The city's heat pump pilot program is also moving forward. The city has an upcoming meeting with Cascadia Consulting and Kicking Gas, is finalizing a contract, and will then move into program design & implementation.
- The city has received applications & will begin interviewing for a new climate officer.

Review Recommendations on Implementation of ETIPP Report

- Committee members still need to review revised draft recommendations related to the ETIPP study report.

Review Recommendations on the City EV Code

- Steve & Sanjay have been researching issues related to the city's EV code (which, among other things, requires installation of charging infrastructure at new buildings and major renovations). They are still in the process of deliberating on recommendations.
- Committee members discussed further investigation and questions to explore, and discussed different options for deliberating and coming up with recommendations by July or August.

Discuss Options for Equity and Self-Awareness Training for CCAC Members

- Jens proposed the idea of having committee members engage in equity and self-awareness training related to the committee's work.
- Ellen will consult with Anshu about training options.
- Jens offered to attend a meeting of the Race and Equity Advisory Committee (REAC).

Letter to Support Sound-to-Olympic (STO) Trail Grant

- Kevin informed the committee that city is seeking grant funding to support development of the Sound-to-Olympic trail. Committee members discussed providing a letter of support to submit with the grant application.
- Committee members agreed to form a subcommittee to draft a support letter, consisting of Sanjay, Kevin, Steve, Derik.
- There was unanimous support for providing a support letter, except for Julie who recused herself based on her involvement with the Parks & Recreation department.

Scheduling of Summer CCAC Meetings

- Due to scheduling conflicts, committee members discussed setting an alternate date for their June meeting.
- Kevin requests that committee members email him about their availability in July and August.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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Approved, June 7, 2024