

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM by Michael Cox

Roll call:

- Committee members: Steve Richard, Derik Broekhoff, Sanjay Bhat, Jens Boemer, Michael Kleeman (online), Julie Matthews, Ray Victurine (online)
- City Staff liaison: Ellen Schroer
- City Council liaisons: Leslie Schneider and Kirsten Hytopolous (both online)

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.
- Julie disclosed she is on the Board of Helpline House, and is also affiliated with Park & Recreation

Minutes for March meeting: Steve motioned for approval, Jens seconded, adopted by those present.

Public comment: None.

City Updates

- Currently working with School District (Woodward School). No additional information on engineering specifications, but focusing on sorting out jurisdictional coordination. Aiming to have done for consideration later in June.
- Heat pump pilot program – still progressing. Original scope of work called for completion in 2024, but the program is now expanding due to funding from state. Implementation has also been slowed because of need to replace climate officer. Still exploring parameters for successful implementation. \$280,000 total funding.
- First interviews for climate officer occurring this week (week of June 10). Fewer than 6 candidates. Expect to have new hire start in July.
- GHG inventory update: Cascadia beginning to collect data. Committee requested information on full scope of inventory update.
- Possible training on equity & inclusion: discussed possibility of offering DEI training for all committees and development/application of equity lens tool
- Ellen inquired about who was on PSE franchise agreement subcommittee. Issue may be coming up again in near future. PSE interested in editing draft MOU. Opportunity to review in next week.

Final ETIPP recommendations

- The committee considered final comments providing recommendations on how to move forward based on findings in the reports.
- Two reports: resiliency & pathways
- Steve moved that we forward recommendations on the pathway report to the City. Jens seconded. Approved by all voting members; Jens abstained from voting.
- Jens offered some amendments to the reports related to adjusting recommendations to take into account that PSE is no longer planning to build a 3.3MW battery storage facility on the island.
 - Action: The committee decided to submit recommendations to researchers (who are still finalizing the report) and CCAC will revisit at their July meeting.

Draft recommendations on city EV code

CCAC members discussed options for updating/revising the City EV Code, based on research and proposals developed by Sanjay and Steve:

- Option 1: Leave the existing ordinance as is.
- Option 2: Repeal its requirements in favor of the state's requirements.
- Option 3: Revise its requirements to promote certain needs (like multi-family housing) while avoiding rigidity and minimizing potential negative impact on the community.

Committee members agreed on the following:

- Non-residential numbers in Table on p. 10 of Sanjay & Steve's report need updating
- The code should probably be amended
- The committee needs more time to consider more detailed recommendations
- Motion was made and adopted to recognize complexity of issue, recognize risks & opportunities of existing code, and note that the Committee wants to explore amendments
 - Julie recused from voting

Letter to support Sound-to-Olympic (STO) trail grant

A motion was proposed to send a letter of support for the Sound-to-Olympic trail for the City's consideration.

- Moved by Derik, seconded Steve, to send to City for consideration
- All approved; Julie recused herself

Meeting with REAC

- Jens reported back on his attendance at the latest Race and Equity Advisory Committee meeting.

Zero Emissions hand tool Ordinance

After discussion, it was agreed that the CCAC is not ready to endorse the ordinance. Agreed it needs more consideration with regard to equity, and committee would like to continue to work with City to improve it.

Others items discussed

- Continued work on City climate action dashboard
- Electrification expo

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49M.

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Approved, July 17, 2024