

Climate Change Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday April 21, 2021

Present: Committee members Michael Cox, David McCaughey, Deborah Rudnick, Jens Boemer, Julie Matthews, Gary Lagerloef, Derik Broekhoff

Council Liaison: Kirsten Hytopoulos, Joe Deets

City staff: Ron Logghe, Peter Best

Public: Marci Burkel, Kerry, Kierra Phifer PSE, Andy Swayne PSE, Cyndy Holz CWMA, Lisa Altieri CCS

5:35 pm: **Call meeting to Order**

**Approve March 21 minutes**

Julie moved to approve, David seconded, approved.

**Public Comment** - none.

**Discussion**

- Cooperative Weed Management Area: Cyndy Holz, Board Member BI Parks Foundation. Working with stakeholders to form a CWMA. (Materials included in meeting packet). Particular asks around City Council directing review of the MOU the group has drafted, and to include commitment from a staff member for engagement with the CWMA.

Discussion that the best path forward should be Ron talking to Ellen about review of the MOU. Mike made a motion and David seconded that the CCAC supports the City's engagement with the re-formation of the CWMA and City participation in that effort. The CCAC also asks Ron to take to Ellen the review of the draft MOU so that the CWMA can move forward with its work.

- Community Climate Solutions – Lisa Altieri (additional materials in meeting packet). Lisa is the founder of Community Climate Solutions and was on Palo Alto's climate advisory committee, which passed a climate action plan in 2007, she was focused on residential engagement. She introduced the community climate tool, which is customizable for your community. It includes an optional carbon footprint calculation, or you can use an average, and there are a list of solutions for participants to take. Includes local parameters for your community such as specific utility energy profiles, and the ability for a community to add in their own municipal resources such as incentives or conservation programs. 25 communities and 10 states have joined. We had a discussion around the customizable components of the website, the ability to work with the local utility to create a clearinghouse for opportunities around demand response and conservation. Testing it and setting up for local community- 2 to 3 month setup time is a

ballpark. Fees are sliding scale based on community size, we are on the smaller end, so \$2500 setup fee + \$5000 a year for our sized community. This needs a contact or staff in terms of both the mechanics, which would be appropriate for the climate officer to be hired to look into, as well as a community engagement person, Mike will suggest Kristen Drew consider having a discussion with Lisa, and in the meantime CCAC members can certainly explore.

Link to Olympic region version to explore: ([brightaction.app/olympicpen](https://brightaction.app/olympicpen)). The link for the calculator documentation is <https://brightaction.app/policies>, then click on "Documentation".

- PSE Activities: Kierra Phifer. Mentioned that Community Climate platform discussion we just had could be a good nexus with demand response efforts by PSE.
  - Demand response RFP responses are being reviewed by PSE and should have a response by June, similar timeline on 3MW battery project which is intended for a single site both on BI.
  - Community solar program approved and moving forward with 5 sites throughout service territory, none on Bainbridge Island. Hoping to re-engage the city on landfill site before the end of the year. PSE will reach back out to the Fire Department on their application.
  - Million dollar round of grants to BIPOC and low income communities, 2 in Kitsap: Manchester library and boys and girls club of Bremerton.
  - Mentioned PSE's beyond net zero carbon pledge by 2045, including gas side operations. Submitted a transportation electrification plan to the UTC a few weeks ago and hopeful UTC will provide feedback and ultimately approval of 5 year plan.
  - Ferry electrification, no update as of this time but hopefully next month.
  - PSE convened their first equity advisory group under CETA for equitable transition that includes end users and siting considerations.
  - Jens asked about PSE's new CEO, Mary Kipp, joined them from El Paso Electric who had led their transition to clean energy and values community collaboration.
  - May 3 PSE is hosting their second transmission loop meeting for Bainbridge.
  
- Sea Level Rise and SMP: Peter Best provided an update on SLR and the SMP Periodic review process, specifically addressing flood risk and flooding.
  - Pushing erosion out a few years because the regional guidance isn't quite there yet to support development of that component.
  - Have had community input and working on a proposal. Prepared a white paper around flooding around sea level rise.
  - Looking at regional relative sea level rise modeling from UW to profile a range of risk tolerances, and some initial vulnerability assessments, which indicated that many of the vulnerable areas are neighborhoods.

- Discussions in initial community group around accommodation, transition/retreat, shoreline habitat and impacts from SLR, and jurisdictional issues around the shoreline management zone. Will be laying out a framework for neighborhood planning that will help dive deeper into conversations around property values and mechanisms for thinking about equity in homes and longer-term options aligned with mitigation and transition options.
- Peter would like to bring a first draft back to the committee for us to look at, probably late June/early July.
- Kirsten mentioned a new idea being floated, pun intended, for a bridge across head of Eagle Harbor for non-motorized transport.
- Joe mentioned that city council positions are open in all three wards and asks us to reach out to those you know.
  
- CAP Updates
  - Meeting with Parks – no report
  - Forestry and climate change conference – still in the works to summarize and get all the recordings on an Islandwood landing page.
  - PSE franchise meeting – no report
  - Climate Equity with REAC – Derik would like to be added into the conversations.
  - Climate Officer: update from Ron, early to mid-May for advertising the position. HR has asked for suggestions on where to advertise for the position- share with Mike or Ron.
  - GHG Municipal Emissions inventory – no report
  - Climate Lens pilot site: senior Center – no report
  - Vashon Biodigester tour- Joe, Julie, Mike and a few zero waste folks.
  - CCAC appointment – coming up Mike, Derik and Lara are re-upping. Gary is stepping back for now but may re-apply later.

7:43 Adjourn



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Michael Cox, Chair      5/19/21