

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:43 PM by Kevin.

Roll call:

- Committee members: David McCaughey, Kevin Thomas, Julie Matthews, Derik Broekhoff, Jens Boemer
- City Staff: Ellen Schroer

Agenda: No additions

Conflicts of Interest: Standard disclaimer from Jens that he works for an organization that professionally does business with PSE (Electric Power Research Institute), but Jens is not involved in any PSE projects

Minutes: Approved (motioned by Mike, seconded by Julie)

Public comments: None

Agenda Items

- **Follow-up on Carbon Offset Project.** Committee member Derik Broekhoff explained the assessment of carbon offset options for the new police building, and justifications for recommending the pursuit of a combination of solar photovoltaic projects. As part of this, Derik briefly discussed recent scientific analyses challenging the use of forest preservation projects as carbon offsets. Key elements of the Committee's recommendation were discussed, including why the recommended projects are likely to be additional (they would not happen without active support from the city, as a means to compensate for police building emissions), how emission reductions were calculated (taking into account uncertainties), and the need to ensure that the projects are not counted towards statewide renewable generation targets (or other voluntary targets). It was noted that at least two out of the three recommended options would be needed to fully offset anticipated emissions from the police building.

Motion to approve the Committee's recommendation was unanimous.

Action items: Ellen Schroer transcribed the Committee recommendation, with possible follow-up needed to clarify wording.

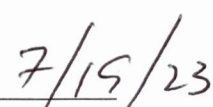
- **Climate change lens for comp plan update and the public outreach steering committee.** Committee member Michael Cox was not present; will present updates at next meeting. Committee members involved in climate lens discussion were welcomed to provide feedback on draft proposal in the meantime.

No immediate action items.

- **ETIPP site visit updates.** No one who participated in site visit was present. No updates.
- **Other items:**
 - Ellen discussed updates on new landscaping ordinance. The city is continuing to examine options, and a survey is planned to solicit input from residents.
 - Kevin gave an update on a potential city heat pump promotion program. The city is planning a pilot education/outreach program combined with targeted funding to road test how to access incentives (e.g., under the federal Inflation Reduction Act).
 - Ellen noted that the city is still looking for volunteers to staff a booth at the July 1 farmer's market. David volunteered.
 - Committee members further discussed the idea of a climate challenge trivia night.
 - Committee members discussed upcoming information sessions related to how to access IRA funding, and will revisit at the July meeting whether there are updates that could be communicated to Bainbridge Island residents.
 - Filling the vacated CCAC chair position. This was discussed and deferred to the next meeting.
 - Members also briefly discussed filling of additional committee positions. The city is still seeking applicants.

David moved to adjourn the meeting, Derik seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.


Co-Chair


Date