

Bainbridge Island
Climate Change Advisory Committee
July 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll call:

- Committee members: John Kydd, Derik Broekhoff, Kevin Thomas, Julie Matthews, Jens Boemer, Steve Richard
- City Council: Leslie Schneider
- City Staff: Autumn Salamack

Agenda: No additions

Conflicts of Interest: None

Minutes: Approved (motioned by Julie, seconded by John, unanimously approved)

Public comments: None

Agenda Items

Updates

- **Decision on carbon offset for the police building.** City Council directed the city manager to move forward with identifying a location for a 120kW solar project, as well as adding a 15kW installation on the roof of the new police building. Autumn asked CCAC members if they know of any full-service contractors for managing these projects (including identifying a site, managing proposal solicitation, etc.).
 - **Action:** No immediate ideas – further follow-up needed.
- **Climate lens.** The city is developing / identifying a set of questions to ask about the emission reduction and adaptation/resilience potential of prospective projects, policies, and programs, as well as whether they can support education/outreach.
 - Autumn indicated they are seeking input on questions – how easy to answer, how helpful, etc.
 - Leslie posed a question about priority-based budgeting system as something to explore? (Would it be applicable?)
 - **Action:** Follow-up comments/input needed by July 31
- **Fehr & Peers report presentation (City Council Study Session):** F&P report looked at possible measures to reduce VMT on island and what could be GHG reductions from EVs. It also analyzed the potential contribution from Inflation Reduction Act and other EV infrastructure programs. They presented it to the city on July 18.
 - CCAC members discussed committee formation to address transportation. Autumn mentioned city is meeting to discuss types & composition of city subcommittees, including in regard to transportation issues.
 - CCAC members also briefly discussed what city could do to track progress on transportation goals.

- **Climate smart Bainbridge status.** 282 households have signed up. City has hired an intern to help ramp up participation (targeting 500 households by end of year). There was some discussion around what city / CCAC could do to understand better why there might be reluctance to engage. Also discussed assessing what the overall impact has been. No immediate action items.
- **City Thread presentation.** Autumn noted that on July 25, City Thread would present findings on accelerating implementation of the sustainable transportation plan. One of their takeaways is that the ST plan is quite good (especially compared to other jurisdictions). City already has in-house expertise to build multimodal projects. There are groups passionate about seeing through implementation (but not always coming together on common message). The city could do a better job of communicating benefits to all constituencies, especially on non-infrastructure projects.
- **Other updates from Autumn:**
 - Some modifications are being made to waste reduction ordinance
 - Heat pump survey closes Sunday
 - Landscaping survey is underway
 - City is hiring for a sustainable transportation position
 - Interviewing of new CCAC candidates is underway
 - The city is looking to acquire an electric street sweeper (using VW settlement grant money)
 - Fleet electrification project close to completion
 - Looking at accelerated vs. standard turnover schedule
 - Infrastructure upgrades are the big cost
 - Winslow subarea visioning sessions are upcoming (6-8pm July 20; farmers market, etc.)

Other items

- CCAC members discussed need to complete ethics board training (online video)
- Racial equity training is coming up that will be open to all committees
- Julie noted that committee members also need records training
- Climate trivia night – discussion of this was deferred until Mike can join at next meeting
- CCAC members discussed IRA funding updates

Finally, CCAC members had a conversation with Ali Lee about an upcoming opportunity for the city (and possibly other public district representatives and/or members of the public) to meet with congressional representatives, department of commerce representatives, and others about potential financial support available through different federal funding programs (Farm Bill, IRA, etc.) to support climate change mitigation projects on the island. The meeting would need to be scheduled within the next week or two. There was discussion of how this could be organized and who might attend.

Derik moved to adjourn the meeting; John seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Approved 9/25/2023