

City of Edmonds Mayors' Climate Protection Committee (CPC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 5, 2020

8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m.



The Mission of the CPC is to (1) encourage citizens to be a part of the solution, (2) encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources, (3) work with the City Council to implement ideas, and (4) effectively address the future impacts of climate change

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Pruitt, Hank Landau, Lisa Conley, David Schaefer, T.C. Richmond, Laura Johnson, Shane Hope

Guests: Doug Peterson, David Edleman, Nora Carlson

1. **Call to Order & Review of Agenda (T.C.):** The regular meeting of the CPC was called to order at 8:45 am on March 5, 2020 in the Fournier Conference Room of City Hall by.
2. **Welcome and Introductions (T.C.):** Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves.
3. **Initial Public Comment and Announcements (T. C.):** Nora C. raised concerns about the environmental impact of Edmonds Annual Fireworks Display. As the City looks for an alternate site during construction at the Civic Field she felt it would be a good time to consider a change. Other cities have begun using lasers or drones to provide light-shows choreographed to music which might be better suited to our current position. She has discussed the options with the Chamber who sponsor the event. The committee agreed to support her efforts where possible and thanked her for her time.
4. **Consent Agenda (Lisa C.):** A motion was made and seconded to approve the February minutes with errors corrected. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Update from City Council Member (Laura J.):**
 - a) T. C. and Lisa C.'s presentation to the council received positive comments and the council as a whole supports the CPC's work. Four of the council members have previously served on the CPC. Suggested that Lisa C. send out to committee members the CPC PowerPoint and report presented to the Council.
 - b) Youth Commission is also excited by the update to the CAP. The commission plans to hold a youth roundtable to talk about climate change and steps the City can take on Tuesday, April 14th. Fourteen teens who live in Edmonds serve on the Youth Commission with half of the committee up for reappointment every year.
 - c) The issue was raised about if now is the appropriate time to present to Council the idea of implementing a climate fee or offset--presenting this issue at a later date seems most appropriate.
6. **Update on Climate Action Plan (CAP) Development (Shane):**
 - a) Review of the schedule--preparing a draft CAP and a public participation schedule is still under discussion taking into staff time. Public outreach and community involvement is a priority for the City. ESA will make a presentation to the Council most likely on March 17th, but it may be pushed back to March 24th.
 - b) City Climate Team--has had their first meeting. It is composed of 10 City staff members who have volunteered to be part of the team. Currently under Shane's leadership. Discussed what the City has done and will be working on what else we can do. The Team meets monthly and will be a compliment to CPC. The team meeting notes can be shared. The team's actions should be highlighted at community outreach events.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Review CAP development schedule and Climate Team Notes at next CPC meeting	Shane/ T.C.	April 2

7. **CPC Inputs to CAP Development** (T.C. and Hank): Reviewed the summary of the CPC comments:
- a) Draft goals and vision--CPC members desire the CAP format to be consumer-friendly using digital hot links where possible (keeping the links current does pose limits to this feature) also include plenty of photos of people and positive actions like e-cars, solar panels, etc. Use of side bars to provide clear explanations of more complex ideas. A summary of our suggestions was provided as a hand-out but Hank discussed a few in more depth.
 - b) Establish science-based goal--We recommend Council formally establish 1.5 degree science-based goal.
 - c) Population-Based Analysis--adds complexity but we have the data so it would be easy to incorporate the advantage of using it:
 - i. Provides a more optimistic picture--when annexation happens then our GHG numbers will look discouraging if we don't use a population based number.
 - ii. Easier to compare us to other communities and how we stand in comparison.
 - d) Shane will discuss this with ESA again since the committee's points are valid.
 - e) Tracking Historic Data--propose linking the 2010 data to 2017 GHG inventory provides a clearer picture of how earlier emissions connect to current emissions. This data would allow us to make adjustments for prior years; show a smoother graph presenting a more optimistic reduction of our GHG; allows us to compare with other communities. Hank will send a copy of his graph which provides a more complete picture. ESA can email Hank for further information.
 - f) Downscaling--provides a more complete picture of what will happen locally; too difficult to complete because of the complex modeling
 - g) CCA--suggested by the consultants and while it may work for other communities it is not needed in Edmonds because:
 - i. Our PUD commissioners are elected officials
 - ii. PUD provides mostly green power already
 - iii. May backfire leading to a focus on cheapest instead of greenest
 - iv. Not benefit the City's already good relationship with the PUD

Action Item	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Resend comments to City staff for sharing with ESA	T.C.	

8. **CPC Public Outreach Planning** (T.C.): Reviewed the list of public outreach from 2019. David agreed to help create a plan to limit our activities to two or three and how best to communicate our outreach.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Meet to begin drafting outreach plan with two to three actions for the Committee to focus on in 2020	David, Jenna, T.C., Lisa C.	

9. **CPC Community Connections** (T. C.):

- a) Jenna has agreed to spearhead our outreach to other communities and keep us on task in coordination with the Mayor and Shane. She will help us take a more thoughtful and deliberate approach guided by the Public Involvement list we created in 2019.
 - b) Our outreach will leverage the list of community connections we identified at our February meeting including (but not limited to): *City of Edmonds Arts Commission, Tree Board, Planning Board, Youth Commission; Edmonds Bicycle Advocacy Group; Edmonds Floretum Garden Club; Edmonds Community College; Edmonds School District; Edmonds Community Solar Cooperative; Edmonds Daybreakers Rotary; Edmonds Rotary; Edmonds Neighborhood Action Coalition; Edmonds Waterfront Center; Jurisdictions of Woodway, Shoreline, Everett, Mukilteo, Mountlake Terrace; Interfaith Climate Action Group and Care of Creation; Puget Sound Partnership; Puget Sound Regional Council; Save Our Marsh; Snohomish County Climate Action Advisory; Snohomish PUD; Sound Cities; Students Saving Salmon; Sustainable Edmonds; WSU Extension Master Gardeners and Sustainable Community Stewards; YWCA and YMCA.*
- a) Breakout "Next Steps" into its own 3rd column on the chart of Organization Outreach.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Review list and recommend additions; also determine group you could serve as liaison	All members	April 2

10. Next Meeting Change: Discussed changing the start time to 8:30 am. The committee agreed to change the start to 8:30 am beginning at our next meeting on April 2.

11. Final Public Comment and Adjournment: Laura discussed interest in expanding composting to business owners and multi-family units. The committee will reach out to Steve Fisher, retired and Heather Teegarden from WSU Sustainable Stewards to gain an understanding of possible barriers and the history of the issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am by Lisa C.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 2, 2020 beginning at 8:30 am in the Brackett Room at City Hall

PLEASE NOTE: NEW TIME AND ROOM