

Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

Mission:

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
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change



Climate Protection Committee (CPC) January 2, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Lisa Conley, Cynthia Pruitt, Dawna Lahti, Hank Landau, Lisa Herb, Jenna Nand, Councilmember Diane Buckshnis

Guest: Mark Johnson, ESA by phone

Opening: Cynthia opened meeting and ensured agendas were passed out as well as minutes from the December meeting.

Minutes: After review, minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of officers:

Council Member Buckshnis read an email from TC Richmond stating she will be willing to co-chair. Lisa Conley then agreed to be co-chair and the group APPROVED the new co-chairs.

Approved ACTION: New co-chairs Lisa Conley and TC Richmond

Shane called Mark Johnson from ESA to discuss the December 13th 2019 memorandum from Mark Johnson and Breanna Sewell titled "Review of Other Jurisdictions' Climate Action Plans. Cities that were highlighted were Seattle, WA, Portland OR, Bellingham WA, Ashland OR, Palo Alto, CA and Shoreline WA. The following items were discussed:

- 1) our city has performed a lot of these items listed in various cities
- 2) how do cities measure and do these cities items like per capita goals
- 3) how can we integrate the GHG models into our Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- 4) transportation aspect we should invite Bertrand Haus and Peter Halson to discuss the use of bicycles as part of transportation component
- 5) these cities do not break down any issues relating to the environment

- 6) considering these examples will the city of Edmonds totally re-write the CAP or update it and Shane responded that it will probably be rewritten but that major categories will still be utilized so the "bones of our CAP" will be utilized
- 7) we need to acknowledge what the City did not do in looking at the 2010 CAP as the group completely left out the Marsh and blue carbon
- 8) other suggestions were to have the 2010 CAP as an addendum
- 9) discussion about subsidizing bus transport for students (Seattle does this)
- 10) discussion regarding a 2018 memorandum that Shane had provided which no one had and integrating this information into the CAP.
- 11) CAP will be defined with format changes

Next topic was the article of "Meeting the Challenge of Our Times: Pathway to a Clean Energy Future for the Northwest. The following items were discussed

- 1) the city may need to be more aggressive than before
- 2) the article gave weight to various opinions but how can the City verify those sources.
- 3) Mission of the institute is to create a vision of what clean energy will look like and then the City should attempt to find similar visions to embrace
- 4) extremely optimistic report given the current federal political climate
- 5) decided to keep this report as a resource and bring the concept of ideas forward
- 6) obtain outside speakers for public outreach.

Outreach and what next on how we can get people to brainstorm

- 1) mixed feeling about surveys
- 2) open house
- 3) on-line open houses
- 4) student government and students like youth commission
- 5) business folks to take the survey

City Council 2019 year in review – Jenna, Cynthia, Lisa and Diane to help since new Mayor

- 1) Taming Bigfoot
- 2) CAP updating
- 3) GHG modeling
- 4) Plastics ban
- 5) Other items after looking at yearly minutes

Action items:

- 1) Shane to provide the 2018 memorandum for the Commission to review
- 2) Tentative plans set for the February 4th Climate year in review for Council
- 3) Set up meeting with Mayor Nelson to go over his priorities and agenda

Meeting minutes taken by Dawna Lahti which very detailed identifying individual contributing and notes transcribed by Diane Buckshnis. Detailed notes with who said what can be made available.