

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Regular Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bruce Ackerman (GPIC); Secretary Cassidy DeBaker, (GPIC); Vice Chair Jody Timms (Community); Jennifer Hammond (Community); and Kiki La Porta (Community).

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbra Coler (Council Member) and David Haskell (Community)

GUESTS: Two community gardeners from Volunteer Board and one member from the public who lives in Woodacre.

**ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING:**

- J. Timms to organize booth at EcoFest/Fairfax Festival and information hand-out.
- J. Hammond to inquire about possible CAC website with Town.
- Inquire about having meetings at member's residences

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair B. Ackerman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Approved May13, 2014 Agenda.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Community Gardeners from Volunteer Board presented the School Street Plaza food garden project.
- Member of public from Woodacre mentioned the Antarctic melt.

**4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- Approved April 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

## **5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

- J. Timms suggested that the CAC participate in Fairfax Festival Parade and EcoFest; good opportunity to educate community on the CAP and provide a hand-out/information sheet.
- K. LaPorta suggested that the CAP hand-out highlight actionable statements/items.
- K. LaPorta may be able to design an infographic for the EcoFest booth.
- C. DeBaker presented on Fairfax History Night Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- J. Timms discussed the idea of “adaptation” vs. “mitigation” and how these actions apply to the implementation of the CAP (see Section 3.9 in the CAP “adaptation”).
- B. Ackerman shared recent article in Earth Science about a new epic in prehistory “Anthropocene” (time period following Holocene 10,000 years).
- B. Ackerman spoke about the “Wedge Concept” and how this demonstrates the effectiveness of both large and small-scale GHG reduction actions.

## **6. DISCUSSION OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND DETERMINATION OF INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES**

- B. Ackerman suggested the CAC explore the idea of funding.
- J. Hammond to look into a possible CAC website.
- K. La Porta suggested that the CAC work with the Town to ensure that afterschool programs or camps held in town buildings take efforts to implement actions in line with the CAP.
- B. Ackerman to move forward with the “Town Meter” concept and outreach with various agencies and organizations.
- J. Hammond discussed the idea of registering individual climate actions online to demonstrate progress.
- C. DeBaker suggested a community calendar where local climate action events and actions can be posted.
- CAC to inquire about town email notifications
- B. Ackerman discussed the idea of “Shine Your Light” and the CAC moving along with efforts to encourage the use of LED.
- C. DeBaker suggested collaborating with Sustainable Fairfax and Green Businesses to get “Shine Your Light” up and running.

## **8. NEXT CAC MEETING**

- The next CAC meeting will be on the regular date of the second Tuesday of the month, Jun 10, 2014, at 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Community Center.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Cassidy DeBaker, CAC Secretary

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

Draft minutes were emailed to: CAC members

Approved minutes will be emailed to: CAC members and Michele Gardner