

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

DATE, TIME, PLACE:

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 7:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

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

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING:

- J. Hammond, C. DeBaker, and K. LaPorta to work on website design (hosted by Sustainable Fairfax).
- Committee members to bring their top three priorities for discussion at the next regular meeting.
- C. DeBaker to bring copies of the CAC and information handouts for members.
- C. DeBaker to ask Town Clerk to add CAP appendix to the website (currently not uploaded).
- J. Timms/C. DeBaker to send out revised draft Annual Action Plan to committee members prior to the next regular meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair B. Ackerman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approved July 8, 2014 Agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Town of San Anselmo purchased two electric bikes for staff. Committee to explore and see if it is a worthwhile effort for Fairfax.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Approved April 16, May 13, and June 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

5. FEEDBACK ON FAIRFAX FESTIVAL/ECOFEST

- Overall presence was okay, however more member involvement is needed next time and better-organized booth.
- Recommend CAC participate in the parade next year (e.g., electric car).

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- J. Timms suggested that CAC participate in the Earth Day event next year at Redwood High school.
- K. LaPorta would like to explore the Town's green purchasing policy (e.g., computers, lights, products, afterschool programs).
- D. Haskell attended a solar conference in SF and shared concepts such as automated transit networks and green transit centers (e.g., light monorail/pods). Ridsharing programs such as Uber and Lift provide alternative methods of transportation and help to redefine our concepts of movement and a shift from an autocentric belief system.
- J. Hammond shared a study about "why Copenhagen's bike commute rate jumped in one year." Bike boom appears to be a result of an increase in construction sites in the city for the new Metro-which caused a huge inconvenience to commuters and prompted more folks to bike to work to avoid construction delays/impacts. If you want to *encourage* other modes of transportation you need to *discourage* driving.
- Committee needs to make copies of the CAC/CAP information flyers for informal distribution. Can copies be made at Town Hall?
- J. Timms and B. Ackerman to form "GHG Meter" subcommittee.

6. UPDATE ON CAC WEBSITE

- J. Hammond announced that Sustainable Fairfax has offered to host CAC a single page on their website.
- Committee will need to confirm information content for the website with Town Manager to find out about potential conflicts/restrictions.
- B. Coler suggested that the committee look at the Fairfax Open Space and Volunteers websites for comparisons.
- Website will need to state the CAC/CAP's "mission"

7. UPDATE ON DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN/RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TABLE

- Committee worked on the draft Annual Action Plan and made additions/revisions.
- J. Timms/C. DeBaker to send out revised draft Annual Action Plan to committee members prior to the next regular meeting.

- CAC tentatively plans to submit the Annual Action Plan to GPIC in August/September.

8. NEXT CAC MEETING

- The next CAC meeting will be on the regular date of the second Tuesday of the month, August 12, 2014, at 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Community Center.
- Next meeting to be focused on finalizing the Annual Action Plan and initiating CAC programs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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