

Climate Advisory Meeting Minutes

Date: July 5th, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Roots Room, Cordata Community Co-op 315 Westerly Road, Bellingham

Members in Attendance: *William (Casey) Harman, David Kershner, Tim Miller, Seth Fleetwood, Sharon Shewmake, Gabe Westergreen.*

Staff Support: *Chris Elder*

Guests: Kathy ~~Sable~~Sabel, Patrick Shive

Meeting Began at 5:35 PM

Previous Meeting Minutes

- A few points were amended in the minutes from the June 7th meeting.
- Motion was made to approve the previous months minutes. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Guest comments were welcomed. Guest suggested the Climate Advisory Committee website to include minutes and agenda.

Discussion

- Seth updated the committee that the ICLEI membership was approved.
- Seth informed the committee that, if desired, ICLEI for 20K can provide a draft plan for an adaptation element in a climate action plan. There was some discussion on whether the county may be able to add this amount in the next bi-annual budget.
- The intern tasked with performing the emissions assessments, Patrick Shive, was introduced to the committee. He updated the group with some information about his contact with ICLEI regarding the use of their Clearpath software - Clearpath provides for two different “tracks”: municipal or community track inventories. He also mentioned ICLEI has additional resources including learning modules to guide the user on getting data and forums to ask questions to other members. Whatcom County “doubly hired” Patrick to get a Whatcom County email address to assist with him being viewed on official business for data requests to various utilities.
- David requested resources from ICLEI so the group can get familiar with the process.
- Patrick will update the committee on his emissions inventory progress at the next meeting.
- Seth brought up scope 3 emissions, and requested that Patrick could include those if sufficient time is available.
- Seth discussed his view of the goal of the group during this time – since the county has had no updates and no budget as yet to update to the climate action plan, this group should currently focus on giving recommendations to create a good climate action plan. The group appeared to agree with his view-point.
- David offered to check with King County on how they came up with the adaptation portion of their climate action plan.

- Sharon noted that agenda item 6 was skipped. Group discussed adding agenda point 6 to next month's agenda since Eric Grossman was not present, and he was the one who was interested in the discussion. David said he would contact Eric and Treva about possibly doing a presentation for us at the next meeting on adaptation planning.
- Kate Blystone has resigned due to moving out of state, and her vacancy is posted on county's website. Interested parties should send in their application. Kate was the Vice Chair, so her post is available. Filling the Vice Chair position will be postponed until next meeting to ensure more members are present.
- Chris discussed a meeting he attended on Forest resiliency and Carbon Storage. The interesting takeaway was the climate in Whatcom County in 2070 will likely be more like the Sierra Nevada. There is an effort to bring trees from Sierra Nevada and plant them in the Cedar River Watershed for testing.
- Committee decided to keep the next meeting on Thursday August 2nd. The Roots Room at the Cordata Co-op is already reserved for this purpose.

Meeting Adjourned 6:20 PM