

Climate Action Commission
Minutes
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Friday October 21, 2022
11:00 A.M. Auditorium

1. Introductions (as necessary)

Present: John Zittel (Co-Chair), Paul Perkins (Co-Chair), Mary Ellen Bell (Council Rep), Connor English, Laura Walters, Ruth Indrick

Rod Melanson (Sustainability Director, Marc Meyers (City Manager)

Public:

Maureen and Doug Robb

2. Minutes:

- a. Motion made by Paul Perkins to accept minutes, second by John Zittel and unanimous VOTE to approve minutes of September 02, 2022

3. Comprehensive Plan

- a. City is hiring consulting services of NorthStar Planning to conduct a public engagement and visioning for the comprehensive planning process. This public engagement will likely take place during the winter of 2023 and finalize in spring/summer. The goal is to submit an updated comprehensive plan to the state by summer 2023.
- b. Final comments were received during committee workshop in October, there will be time to review the plan in its entirety after the consultant group steps through the public engagements and organizes the plan into a unified document.

4. Community Resiliency Partnership

- a. Interviewed applicants for the vulnerability assessment. Final reference checks are occurring and a decision will be put forth to council for their November meeting.
- b. CRP/ GOPIF program
 - i. Facilities grant was submitted in September
- c. Coastal Community Grant submitted
 - i. Seeking funds for CAP Update
 - ii. Discussion of creating a vision for accomplishing a CAP update...how does all of this fit together

5. Communications

- a. October 4th event follow up
 - i. Rod will scan and send exit surveys to all
 - ii. Compile emails to create contact list
 - iii. Link youtube of event
 - iv. Review and discuss at next meeting
- b. October 8th Community Involvement Day follow up
 - i. CAC table busy the whole time

- ii. Need just one QR code for Resilient Bath...too confusing otherwise
- c. WindowDressers
 - i. On track to occur at the freight shed for Nov 4th
- d. Resilient bath
 - i. Need to standardize material with one QR code
- e. Web Presence
 - i. Discussion about creating a more robust and organized website. Bowdoin interns are a possible source for creating content, current city staffing for this is an issue.
- f. Council Checklist
 - i. Discussion of what we are expecting for this item. The intention has been for the Council to have a way to monitor progress toward goals of the Comp Plan and a Climate Action Plan (CAP). Members felt that we need to further clarify our goals and process in order to create a checklist. Decision was made to drop this issue for now.

6. Subcommittee reports

- a. Energy –
 - i. EV charging. EV ready ordinances to be reviewed in Energy subcommittee. Bloc Power presentation not a clear proposal. To be reviewed further by Energy subcommittee.
 - ii. LED streetlights -- Two proposals before the City. One appears as a clear winner. The company would do an audit of neighborhoods and make recommendations regarding placement of lights, intensity of lighting, etc. There may be some ability of the City to control lighting. ROI in 3 years. \$100K savings over 5 years.

7. Other business/ public comment

Councilor Bell raised the possibility of collaboration with Morse High green club ... maybe we could attend some of their meetings or vice versa.

A proposal for a solar farm at the landfill is has been received and would cover 30% of the City's energy needs. Multiple cost considerations exist however.