



Climate Action Commission Minutes
Thursday 03/07/24, 8:00 am
City Hall Auditorium

1. Present - CAC members: Rod Melanson, John Zittel, Paul Perkins, Mary Ellen Bell, Julie Ambrosino, Ruth Indrick, Connor English, Laura Walters.
Members of the public: Abbie Westberry, James Hummer
Present on zoom: Peyton Siler Jones
2. Minutes 02/08/24 – approved unanimously
3. CAP Update (Rod) – 30 min
 - a. CAP kickoff – (Peyton Siler) – Peyton asked CAC members to go around and share their hopes for the CAP and strengths we bring. Themes included a strong wish for the creation of a CAP with actionable items, a clear implementation matrix, and attention to equity concerns. Strengths of the CAC identified were passion, commitment, and our diversity of backgrounds.
KLA is working with some CAC members and staff on branding. They are also creating an initial draft of community engagement strategies, which will be shared with the CAC in April for review.
 - b. Advisory Committee (Rod) - There was a brief discussion of the role of the advisory committee which will function as a diverse group of stakeholders within Bath to review and comment on the CAP as it is developed.
 - c. Vulnerability assessment
 - i. Status - Rod met with GEI and GMRI to talk about community engagement strategies and the creation of a user-friendly story map, particularly regarding projected flood prone areas.
 - ii. Next steps - Rod will be meeting with Lee Leiner and GEI to identify priority areas. Some coastline property owners have already reached out to the City and more folks in vulnerable areas will be identified. Expectations, roles, and responsibilities will all need to be clarified as part of a larger effort to work with the community on climate resilience and preparation.
4. Communications & Engagement -

- a. Climate Conversations – readiness for 13 Mar & 10 Apr (Laura & Nancy) - presentations are on track for those dates
 - b. City Committee Collaborations – next steps (Mary Ellen) –
 Councilor Bell reported on hers, Julie’s, and Connor’s outreach to the Bath Development Corp, who was welcoming and supportive of CAC’s work. They are “business minded” and have been giving out micro loans of ~ \$7500. They have interest in upgrading old properties and are focused on repurposing and repair.
 Consensus that the outreach effort is “building relationships” with other committees. Further assessment of the efficacy of our efforts and next steps has been postponed until next month.
 - c. WindowDressers (Paul) – On track for another October build week with an arbitrary goal of making 250 inserts. The Freight Shed is available again. Volunteers and promotion needed.
- 5. Energy subcommittee update (Connor) – 15 min
 - a. EV Charging Strategy, EV Ordinance update, Energy Fund update (Connor)
 EV ordinance slated to go before the Council at their next meeting.
 Overall charging strategy for the City is yet to be ~~flushed out~~. fleshed out
 The initial energy fund concept has been drafted and the idea discussed with City Manager Marc Meyers. More info and details to be gathered.
 - b. Solar on capped landfill (Rod) – Awaiting CMP report on costs and feasibility.
- 6. Comprehensive plan (Rod) – Comp plan reporting form is online (in OneDrive) for comment on goals as they pertain to the CAC.
 Also, the report from Camiros on zoning update recommendations is on the City website.
 - a. Review of CAC action items for 2024
- 7. Other business / public comment –
 - a. Updates (Rod) – 5 min
 - i. Community Resiliency Partnership / grant opportunities - Rod is aware of and is juggling grant opportunities.
 - ii. Municipal Facilities Plan
 - iii. Annual Report from City Manager - Marc is working on the report.
 - b. Public comment – 5 min - none

Next Meeting Date – 8:00 am on April 4th