



Climate Action Commission Minutes
Thursday 07/11/24, 8:00 am
City Hall Conference Room

1. Present - Rod Melanson, Julie Ambrosino, Ruth Indrick, Abby Westberry, Sorrel Dunn, Eden, Zumbrun, Mary Ellen Bell, Paul Perkins
On Zoom - Peyton Siler
Absent - John Zittel, Connor English, Laura Walters
2. Minutes 06/20/24 – Item tabled to next meeting.
3. Climate Action Plan – 45 min
 - a. CAP update (Rod / Peyton?) – 45 min
 - i. Community engagement plan
Peyton presented a slide deck update on the CAP planning process with a focus on public engagement plans. Goals are to engage a wide and diverse audience, grow “literacy” about climate change, and build “capacity” for the community to act.
Core audiences identified -
 - coastal property owners - workshop (see below)
 - low-income residents - plans TBD - work with MMCA, Claire Berkowitz CEO
 - youth-led workshop - plans TBD - workshop or focus group? - work with Jamie Dorr, Eric Varney, and others to plan for a fall event
 - BIW - focus group completed, next mtg. TBD
 - General audience - survey, press releases, social media, partnerships, tabling.
 - Julie and Mary Ellen tabled at Heritage Days in the rain, and received good feedback about lack of focus on equity in the survey.
 - Peyton also encouraged CAC members to get creative and host our own events/gatherings/talks using the Event-in-a-Box resources, as well as her guidance as needed. Opportunities might include church groups, book groups, neighborhood connections, etc.
 - Upcoming meetings -

- 7/31 - “Downtown Workshop” for coastal property owners and general public at City Hall with GEI and GMRI
 - 8/1 - CAC meeting to organize our community engagement plans
 - 9/24 - CAC plan to host a 2-hour community-wide open house to orient and discuss Resilient Bath with the public. Idea is to have a decentralized event with multiple “stations” for people to visit and talk informally.
- ii. Advisory Group results - not reviewed at this meeting. (FYI - for my own interest, I wrote up a synopsis of the last advisory group meeting - see attached if interested)
 - iii. Milestone review & next steps - see above
 - iv. Climate analysis working group – next steps - not addressed
4. Communications & Engagement
 - a. Climate Conversations –subcommittee Update (Paul) – initial planning meeting set for 7-17 at 1pm at KELT
 5. Energy subcommittee update (Connor/ Rod) – 5 min
 - a. EV Charging Strategy
 - b. Energy Fund update - Eden working on draft guidelines with a plan for CAC to bring a proposal to City Council. Funding options being explored with some positive indications of availability. Draft language and concept is based largely on similar plans from other small towns, e.g. Freeport and Tremont. The idea is to start slow and keep it simple by limiting rebates.
 6. Other business / public comment – 20 min
 - a. Updates – 15 min
 - i. Window Dressers - We have fallen behind on our goal of 250 inserts, perhaps due to summer heat, to not reaching underserved audiences, or to not being a well known and trusted resource in the housing world.
 - ii. Community Resiliency Partnership / grant opportunities
 - iii. Coastal Flooding planning
 - iv. Solar on capped landfill - proceeding well
 - b. Public comment –Abbie Westberry suggested collaborating with Curtis Library on our Climate Conversations.

Next Meeting Date – 8 am on 8/1, @ City Hall