

Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC)

Council Chambers, City Hall

710 NW Wall St, Bend OR

August 2, 2018, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Minutes: Christopher Coleman

Attendees: Co-Chair Mike O’Neil, Co-Chair Lindsey Hardy, Ryan LaPoma, Sasha Sulia, Russ Donnelly, Cassie Lacy, Eric Duea, Jamie Klopp, Andrew Skidmore, Serena Dietrich, Rebecca McCann, Councilor Bruce Abernethy, Marina Heppenstall, Casey Bergh, Al Spector, Gillian Ockner, and Aaron Toney (Good Company)

Committee Co-Chair Mike O’Neil opened the meeting at 3:02PM

I. Housekeeping

A. Approval of June 7 minutes

Eric Duea moved to approve the June 7, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Al Spector. Motion Approved.

B. Meeting Agenda and Goals

Mr. O’Neil and Cassie Lacy presented the meeting agenda and goals.

II. Bend Community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory

A. Presentation of GHG Inventory

Aaron Toney presented the results for Bend’s GHG inventory for fiscal year 2016. Bend’s emissions sources were identified and sector-based emissions were defined. Bend’s emissions for 2016 was 945,000 metric tons, 11.3 tons per capita, or 28 tons per household. Mr. Toney suggested that consumption of goods and food is worthy of discussion in Bend’s climate action planning (CAP) process. He suggested working with state partners (e.g. ODOT, DEQ) to improve inventory over time and help with the CAP. It is common to repeat the GHG inventory every 2-5 years to measure progress. The ClearPath tool used in Bend’s GHG inventory has a lot of modules and features that can help with forecasting possible actions and seeing how many emissions can be reduced from those actions.

B. Committee Q&A

Ms. Ockner explained that this GHG inventory is not comparable to the inventory conducted by OSU Cascades. Bend’s inventory data is laid out in the ClearPath tool and is capable of calculating and projecting comparable results for one resource being used in place of another. Ryan LaPoma suggested separating electronics out into its own category. The inventory data was gathered within Bend’s urban growth boundary using the Oregon Carbon Calculator and U.S. census household income data. Aaron Toney recommended looking at Portland’s progress reports and local government policies. Ms. Ockner clarified that Bend’s community inventory was separate from the City of Bend operations inventory.

III. Vision Confirmation

A. Feedback on proposed vision ideas

Committee Co-Chair Lindsey Hardey introduced the visioning exercise. Ms. Lacy defined guiding principles and what makes a good vision statement. The goal is to have a final draft ready to review and present for approval at the next meeting. Ms. Lacy displayed two vision drafts. The committee was given ten minutes to compare and determine which draft was more favorable and to note any suggested modifications or recommendations.

B. Discussion and idea sharing

By a show of hands, everyone preferred the second vision draft. Mr. Duea recommended being very literal and concise, like an elevator speech. Mr. Abernethy suggested a stronger and inspirationally challenging message to encourage action. Casey Bergh suggested narrowing the vision down to a couple of sentences explaining why a plan is being made, what the goal is, and inform that we are working together and trying to encourage change. Mr. Abernethy suggested it may be more effective to form a smaller working group to wordsmith and draft the vision. Jamie Klopp moved to gather a working group to wordsmith and draft the vision, seconded by Sasha Sulia. Motion approved. The four volunteers for the vision working group are Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Duea, Mr. LaPoma, and Ms. Spector. Ms. Lacy will follow up early next week to schedule the meeting.

IV. Working Group Confirmation

Ms. Lacy presented and explained the working group roles and responsibilities. Mr. O'Neil asked if everyone was in agreement with moving forward with the assigned roles and the presented sector groups (Energy Supply, Energy Efficiency in Buildings, Materials Management, and Transportation). By a show of hands, everyone was in favor. Motion approved.

V. Equity Discussion

Ms. Lacy asked who our specific equity audiences are and the groups we should be thinking about. Suggestions were Central Oregon Coalition for Access (COCA), the Latino Community Association, Abilitree, Neighbor Impact, and the Council on Aging. Challenges and strategies for managing solutions for these audiences were discussed. Time is a valuable and limited resource for underserved communities. Ms. Ockner suggested collecting data about potential issues that are concerning these populations through other means when unable to contact them directly. Ms. Lacy will follow up with Mr. LaPoma regarding possible equity lens tools and suggestions for integration into the sectors.

VI. Public Comment

Randy Stutzman with Bend Garbage and Recycling commented that many points presented in Bend's GHG inventory concerning waste has also come up in the Solid Waste Action Committee meetings.

VII. Closing Comments/Next Steps

Ms. Lacy announced the next CASC meeting will be Thursday, 8/23/18. Homework assignments will be sent out a week or two before the meeting. Jessica Stanton was introduced as the primary consultant hired to help with future meeting facilitation and communication.

Ms. Hardy announced an upcoming environmental center power hour event at Worthy Brewery on Thursday, 8/9/18 at 5pm.

All the CASC members were gathered outside to take a group photo for the website.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm