

Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) Meeting

Fire Department Training Room

63377 NE Jamison Rd

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Minutes: Christopher Coleman

Attendees: Co-Chair Mike O'Neil, Co-Chair Russ Donnelly, Jamie Klopp, Ryan LaPoma, Al Spector, Rebecca McCann, Sasha Sulia, Serena Dietrich, Andrew Skidmore, **Staff:** Cassie Lacy, and **Councilor:** Bruce Abernethy

Co-Chair Mike O'Neil opened the meeting at 3:02 pm.

I. Approval of 12/03/2018 meeting minutes

Al Spector moved to approve the 12/03/2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Ryan LaPoma. Motion approved.

II. Updates

Russ Donnelly provided an update on the Green Drinks event and provided an update on the tabling event at the Pavilion.

Mr. Donnelly and Cassie Lacy presented to the Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association. Mr. Donnelly will follow up with the neighborhood association chair-persons to reinforce getting the survey information out to the community.

Rebecca McCann provided an update on her presentation to the Environmental Club last Thursday. She will be presenting to classes through the rest of the week.

Andrew Skidmore provided an update on his meeting with a small environmental group at the Redmond Proficiency Academy. He will be presenting to his 7th-grade class at school next week and will include information on the CCAP process.

The Environmental Center will be doing a school event and will help with distributing the youth survey.

Carrington Fastelin, a student at Bend High School, will also help with distributing the youth survey.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Donnelly presented to City Council at the goal-setting session.

Ms. Lacy announced the consultant contract awarded to the Good Company and EnviroIssues team.

The City of Bend has been working with Pacific Power on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore renewable electricity for the city with a goal of 100% renewable electricity community-wide by 2050. Al Spector stated that Cascade Natural Gas is also interested in having similar discussions to explore options as well.

Jamie Klopp spoke at the last Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) meeting on survey outreach. An insert about the survey was placed in the weekly BEDAB newsletter and possibly the business registration newsletter. Ms. Lacy announced there would be a focus group event with BEDAB scheduled on February 4th. She will schedule a similar event with the Chamber's Advocacy Board and possibly a third group of businesses that supported the Climate Action Resolution.

Councilor Abernethy stated he is impressed with the CASC's work to reach and include the community and their ability to function as a high performing team.

III. Survey Progress, Results, and Discussion

Ms. Lacy provided an update on the current survey results. CASC exceeded its goal of 1000 survey responses in 2 weeks. It will remain open through 2/3/19. As of today, there are 1050 complete survey responses.

- 65% of respondents agree it is important that the City of Bend take local climate action.
- 66% of respondents are willing to engage in action to reduce fossil fuel use. Ms. Lacy presented the top four important co-benefits collected in the survey.

IV. Work Plan

a) Consultant

Ms. Lacy presented an overview of the work plan and key decision points defining the work and role of the selected consultant. Due to a limited budget, the consultant will only be able to provide an in-depth analysis of 15 to 20 actions. This analysis will calculate and scale actions relative to specific local data for Bend from the greenhouse gas emissions inventory and data collected from stakeholders. CASC will make a preliminary selection of 15 actions at the next meeting. The consultant will provide their recommended strategies by early February.

b) Equity

Ms. Lacy introduced the equity subcommittee. Al Spector provided a brief update and overview of the work of the subcommittee. They presented six goals for the committee.

c) Public/Stakeholder Input

The consultant will help with developing a public input plan. Ms. Lacy asked for input on two possible options for budgeting consultant resources. The consensus of the committee is that another input phase is needed. Ms. Lacy will contact the consultant to discuss available resources and ideas from other cities. She will present collected options and models at CASC's next meeting.

V. Survey Outreach

Events planned to get public and stakeholder engagement for outreach:

- Committee members Donnelly and Dietrich volunteered for the Podski Food Cart Lot tabling event on Saturday, January 26th from 1-3 pm.
- Committee members McCann and Donnelly volunteered for the Unitarian Church on Sunday, January 27th at 10 am.
- Committee members Hamilton and Sulia volunteered for the Pavilion open skate on Saturday, February 2nd from 1:30-3:30 pm
- Committee member Duea volunteered for the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 3rd at 10:30 am. Ms. Lacy is seeking one more volunteer.
- Committee member McCann volunteered for the Senior Center if there can be a set time that aligns with her schedule.
- Ms. Lacy will be presenting at the Orchard District neighborhood association on January 29th from 5-7 pm and will follow up with Ms. Dietrich with location information.
- Ms. Lacy will email the group to try to fill more volunteer spots.

Ms. Lacy will use the doodle pool sent to collect everyone's ongoing availability to schedule the next two meetings and will send out proposed meeting times.

VI. Public Comment

Comment 1

Rondo presented concern about a letter published in the Source stating, “The City of Bend is wasting money on climate change.” Rondo believes that there is an opportunity to respond to the letter.

Comment 2

Klaus Mager, a member of the Citizen Climate Lobby and National Agricultural Food and Action Team, would like to see food and agriculture included in the conversation. He is scheduled to present Reinventing Our Food System to the League of Women Voters on February 7th and invited everyone to attend. He will be discussing a broad topic covering regenerative agriculture, climate, carbon sequestration, and health.

Comment 3

Responding to Chris Martin, the CASC addressed questions regarding building code, ranking efficacy of actions, and defining stakeholders.

Adjourned: 4:50pm