

Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) Meeting

Bend Parks and Recreation District, District Office

799 SW Columbia, Bend, OR

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Minutes: Christopher Coleman

Attendees: Andrew Skidmore, Russ Donnelly, Al Spector, Serena Dietrich, Ryan LaPoma, Sasha Sulia, Laurel Hamilton, Casey Bergh, Lindsey Hardy, Eric Duea, Jamie Klopp

Staff: Cassie Lacy

Consultant: Josh Proudfoot

Co-Chair Russ Donnelly opened the meeting at 3:04 pm

I. Housekeeping

a. Approval of 02/19/2019 meeting minutes

Al Spector moved to approve the 02/19/2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Laurel Hamilton.

Motion Approved.

b. Updates/Introductions

Mr. Donnelly proposed tabling a booth at the Earth Day Fair on 04/20/2019. The booth application deadline is 03/20/19 and proof of insurance would be required. Cassie Lacy will inquire if the City can provide proof of insurance. Mr. Donnelly suggested organizing two shifts (11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm) and tabling two CASC volunteers per shift. Ms. Hamilton will be tabling another booth but can help set up and tear down. A discussion ensued about materials needed for the event. Ryan LaPoma volunteered to help set up and can provide a pop-up canopy. Sasha Sulia volunteered for 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Serena Dietrich is tentative. A consensus was reached for CASC to secure a booth. There will be a follow-up meeting to discuss logistics.

Mr. Donnelly provided an update on the In Need of Dialogue event that transpired last Monday.

Ms. Lacy announced Lindsey Hardy's return.

Mr. LaPoma provided an update on the Environmental Center's power hour event on the topic of demystifying the cost of building a zero energy home. Ms. Hardy has a recording of the event that Ms. Lacy can share.

A round of introductions transpired and included Josh Proudfoot, the Consultant with Good Company.

II. Prioritization Process and Co-Benefit Scoring

a. Explanation of the Prioritization Process

Mr. Proudfoot introduced the decision process that will help CASC prioritize the actions.

Mr. Proudfoot identified two common scaling functions that Good Company will conduct.

b. Clarifying the Intent of the Co-Benefits Scoring

Good Company will provide a score that will rank the co-benefits and offer a rough priority. To increase involvement and success, Mr. Proudfoot suggested limiting actions to fifteen with a potential of five more for study. Mr. Proudfoot presented an Excel spreadsheet and explained Good Company's method of using subjective expected utility. Using the spreadsheet, Mr. Proudfoot explained how community values,

i.e., weighted co-benefits multiplied by analytical outcomes, i.e., Good Company's scoring will produce a weighted priority list.

c. Fill Out the Co-Benefit Weightings Form

Ms. Lacy handed out the co-benefit weightings form to CASC members. Mr. Proudfoot provided a concise overview of each co-benefit to establish a common understanding. Ms. Lacy announced that the language, "protecting the natural environment" was changed to "supporting the natural environment" and "lower down security and resilience" was changed to "adaptation and resilience."

CASC members filled out their co-benefit weightings form in respect to the community or at-large seat they represent. The sum of the co-benefit weighting values must equal 100 percent.

Ms. Lacy collected everyone's co-benefits weightings forms and entered the weighted values into the spreadsheet. Mr. Proudfoot provided a simulation of how the spreadsheet will work using the collected weights and arbitrary scoring values.

A discussion ensued about the results and how the weights are used transparently to prioritize actions. Mr. Proudfoot provided CASC the option to either have everyone redo the co-benefit weightings form after seeing the simulated results, or to keep everyone's weightings as they were submitted.

The consensus was to keep everyone's weightings as submitted. Ms. Lacy will soon receive co-benefit weightings forms from Mike O'Neil and Rebecca McCann. Once all forms are received, they will be submitted to Good Company to calculate the final weighted priority list.

III. Review and Approve Amended Strategies

Ms. Lacy presented the amendments to the strategies made after February's meeting. Andrew Skidmore moved to approve the proposed amendments to the strategies, Seconded by Ms. Dietrich. Motion Approved.

IV. Q&A with Good Company

In response to Mr. Spector, Mr. Proudfoot identified Good Company's economic approach.

In response to Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Proudfoot provided Good Company's recommendation on goals.

In response to Mr. LaPoma, Mr. Proudfoot clarified cost vs. affordability.

In response to Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Proudfoot talked about engaging stakeholder actions.

Ms. Lacy added that she started scheduling stakeholder calls today. There will be two rounds of Stakeholder calls. Aaron Toney will be included in the first round, and Mr. Proudfoot will be included in the second round. Mr. Proudfoot recommended that the City initiate a formal set of meetings to ensure stakeholders in leadership roles are adequately informed and equipped to make positive decisions and actions.

A conversation ensued about setting goals and strategies to promote action. Mr. Proudfoot provided an example of electric vehicles to illustrate setting goals that people can relate to and understand. Mr. Proudfoot suggested using science-based targets to draw attention to bigger picture goals.

In response to Eric Duea, Mr. Proudfoot stated that there aren't very many communities that have successfully done the implementation phase well yet. Everybody is just starting to realize the reality of our climate issues. In the grand scheme of things, CASC is at the front of the line.

In response to Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Lacy confirmed that the language “set community-wide renewable energy use goals” was changed to “community purchases all renewable energy.” Mr. Proudfoot advised to take out words that cause distraction or encourage debate and suggested amending it further by replacing, “renewable energy” with “low carbon power.”

Adjourned: 5:23 pm