

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:04 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

1. **Roll Call:** Neil Baunsgard, Andrew Calise, Kellie Jensen (attended virtually), Kavi Chokshi, Lauren Fraser, Rory Isbell, Alex Cerussi, Laura Tabor, Mark Buckley (attended virtually), Smita Mehta (attended virtually)

Absent: Serena Dietrich

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee members unanimously approved the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes with no corrections requested.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was submitted.

4. Staff Updates

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, presented staff updates:

- CCAP consultant selected
- Electrification policy options analysis procurement underway
- Tree Code to Planning Commission – June 10
 - ECC letter to get sent soon
- 1 additional FTE approved, contingent upon budget adjustment approval
- The Planning Commission will conduct a work session - June 3rd

5. Proposal from The Environmental Center

Chair Baunsgard and Member Chokshi recused themselves due to a potential conflict of interest.

Member Fraser and Member Calise disclosed that they volunteer for non-profits related to this sponsorship request but did not recuse themselves due to no potential conflict of interest.

Lindsey Hardy presented on a sponsorship proposal from The Environmental Center through the following slides:

Funding Proposal for Climate Action
Overview
Why Now

Projects
Energy Navigator
Free Home Energy Assessment Program
Energy Navigator
Solarize Campaign
Solarize Campaign (cont.)
Zero Interest Revolving Loan
CCAP Alignment – Energy Navigator
CCAP Alignment – Solarize Campaign
CCAP Zero Interest Loans
Additional Strategies Supported
Budget
Questions

Lacy expressed support for using ECC funds for this sponsorship. It's well outlined and meets multiple CCAP strategies.

Member Calise believes it meets a lot of what the committee is about. The only question is what the committee would be giving up by committing a portion of the budget to this sponsorship. Member Cerussi agreed with this sentiment.

Lacy shared that the money is available due to federal funds being utilized instead of the budget which freed up the funds for other projects. The committee would be giving up anything the working groups may have come up with that funds could be used for. The website and social media activities require little to no funds.

Member Tabor asked about the funding for EV charging. Lacy stated that staff has not definitively decided to pursue the grant.

Member Isbell asked if the committee approves the funding request, then what can the City do to assist with the 3 programs to supplement the outreach. Lacy explained that by the City sponsoring the programs, the City could assist with mailers, outreach, and education to draw attention the programs.

Members discussed potential amount variations for the sponsorship.

Member Isbell requested to pass a motion to recommend Council approval of the sponsorship request from the Environmental Center for 3 projects to support the City's community climate action plan in the amount of \$100,050. Member Jensen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote – Vice Chair Fraser, Members Isbell, Tabor, Cerussi, Calise, Buckley, Mehta, Jensen Yes 8
No 0**

Chair Baunsgard, Member Chokshi recused

The committee broke for lunch at 12:14 p.m. and returned at 12:20 p.m.

6. CCAP Update: Progress Report and Completed Action Proposal

Lacy presented on the CCAP update through the following slides:

CCAP Update

CCAP Action Status Summary

Energy Supply – ES1 and ES2

Energy Supply: ES3: Expand distributed commercial and residential solar PV

Energy Supply – ES4 & ES5

Energy in Buildings – EB1: Support policies that increase the energy efficiency of buildings

Energy in Buildings – EB2: Improve uptake and voluntary energy efficiency projects in buildings

Energy in Buildings: Strategy EB3 – Implement benchmarking and disclosure programs for energy performance and Strategy EB4

Transportation – Strategy T1 and T2

Transportation: Strategy T3 – Increase transit ridership

Transportation: Strategy T4 & T5

Waste & Materials – Strategy W1 – Improve non-food waste recovery

Waste & Materials – Strategy W2 & W3

Waste & Materials – W4 & W6

Waste & Materials – Strategy W5 – Develop outreach and education materials for reducing Consumption

Proposed Complete Actions

Committee members agreed to remove the 4 complete actions from the CCAP and later discuss actions to replace them.

7. CCAP Process Update

Lacy provided a CCAP process update:

June

- ECC Meeting: refine and adapt existing actions
- Receive best practices document for new action development
- Other information needed before new action generation

July

- No ECC meeting
- New action working group meetings – public meetings, interactive format
 - Ideally committee members attend in person

August

- ECC Meeting: Share new actions generated in July WG's
- Finish Working Group meetings for new action generation

September

- ECC Meeting: Share additional new actions generated in August WG's
- Finalize all new ideas to be analyzed for GHG and other impacts

8. Agenda Review

June: CCAP Update – Refining existing actions
July: Working Group Meetings – new actions
August: Working group Meetings – new actions

9. Adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully,
Samantha Gamelgaard
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