

Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) Meeting

Trinity Episcopal Church

469 NW Wall St., Bend, OR 97703

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Minutes: Christopher Coleman

Attendees: Al Spector, Ryan LaPoma, Mike O'Neil, Sasha Sulia, Serena Dietrich, Rebecca McCann, Casey Bergh, Laurel Hamilton, Jamie Klopp, Eric Duea

Staff: Cassie Lacy

Councilor: Bruce Abernethy, Gena Goodman-Campbell

Co-Chair Mike O'Neil opened the meeting at 3:05 pm.

I. Housekeeping

a. Approval of 1/22/19 meeting minutes

Ryan LaPoma moved to approve the 01/22/2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Serena Dietrich. Motion approved.

b. Public Comment

Jessica Gamble proposed ideas to increase the capture of carbon emissions and decrease food and plastics waste. She suggested increasing the efficiency of grocery stores and reducing waste by sustainably growing food locally at the grocery stores and reducing plastics by converting to plant-based alternatives.

c. Updates

Cassie Lacy presented the meeting agenda and objectives.

- Gena Goodman-Campbell announced as CASC's second City Council Liaison.
- Councilor Abernethy announced the 03/02/2019 Bend hearing with Legislators regarding the HB2020 Clean Energy Jobs Bill at COCC's Cascade Room.
- Presenting legislative priorities to City Council at tomorrow's City Council Meeting.
- Mr. LaPoma mentioned the recent Environmental Center email announcing the 02/28/2019 power hour event at Worthy Brewing. The topic will be demystifying the cost of building a zero energy home.

II. Summary of Input Received

a. Consultant Analysis

Ms. Lacy presented the consultant's highest impact strategies for each sector.

b. Surveys

The survey had 1,596 respondents (1,338 complete)

66% of respondents believe it is important for the City of Bend to take action on climate.

68% of respondents are personally willing to engage in actions to reduce fossil fuel use.

Ms. Lacy identified the highest ranked co-benefits and presented the top 3 results for each sector.

The four common concerns collected were presented.

Ms. Lacy provided the youth survey results and presented the main themes collected from the open response questions. There were 92 respondents for the youth survey.

c. Business Input

Business reps helped collect input from the business community with two focus groups.

Jamie Klopp shared the input collected from the first focus group with BEDAB. Ms. Lacy published and emailed Mr. Klopp's notes last week. Mr. Klopp will be presenting again in April when more data is available.

The second focus group collected input from the business community that supported the Climate Action Resolution. Participants included Hydro Flask, Worthy Brewing, Ruffwear, and Deschutes Brewery. Ms. Dietrich, representing Deschutes Brewery, shared the input collected from the second focus group.

d. Letters

Oregon DEQ Materials Management Program provided a letter of input on areas of opportunity for materials management.

Energy Trust provided a letter of input outlining programs that they have in place and where they align with CASC's concepts.

III. Top Strategy Selection

Ms. Lacy presented the collected top 15 strategies and co-benefits as well as the five runners up.

An open discussion ensued regarding the 15 top strategies and co-benefits.

After discussing, the options gathered were:

- Keep the proposed 15 strategies but change the language from the City's fleet conversion to all public agencies
- Keep the proposed 15 strategies but remove the fleet conversion and replace it with a C&D waste strategy that encompasses runners-up 2 and 3

Ms. Lacy asked CASC to decide on selecting the top strategies by voting with a show of hands.

With a vote of 8, the majority favored to keep the proposed 15 strategies but to change the language from the City's fleet conversion to public agencies.

Mr. Klopp moved to send the consultant the 15 selected strategies as written after updating the transportation language from the City of Bend's fleet conversion to public agencies, seconded by Mr. LaPoma. Motion approved.

IV. Co-Benefits

Ms. Lacy defined the role co-benefits will play in CASC's process. Nine proposed co-benefits, including the community's top four, were presented. CASC will need to select six of the nine co-benefits to provide to the consultant. A discussion ensued about the proposed co-benefits. The co-benefits were individually laid out on sheets of paper. Using green stickers, CASC members selected their top six co-benefits.

The co-benefits with the least votes were Community Readiness, Leverages Existing Efforts, and Community Support.

Eric Duea moved to approve the selected top six co-benefits to submit to the consultant for scoring with the 15 chosen strategies, seconded by Mr. LaPoma. Motion approved.

V. Subcommittees and Stakeholder Engagement

CASC broke out to establish sector based subcommittees and were instructed to write down suggested stakeholders to engage in the selected strategies.

VI. Sharing Out

Councilor Abernethy complimented and praised the hard work, time, and effort of the CASC.

Ms. Lacy will be scheduling an Equity Subcommittee meeting soon.

A discussion ensued further discussing the upcoming Clean Energy Jobs Bill hearing. Ms. Lacy advised that if CASC members are interested in speaking on behalf of CASC, a meeting would need to be scheduled for volunteers to write up a draft for CASC to review and reach a consensus of approval first. Councilor Abernethy added that, instead of speaking on behalf of CASC, CASC members are welcome to represent themselves.

Adjourned: 5:29 pm