

Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) Meeting

Council Chambers, Bend, OR

710 NW Wall St

June 26, 2019

Minutes: Christopher Coleman

Attendees: Russ Donnelly, Serena Dietrich, Sasha Sulia, Rebecca McCann (Left at 6:03 pm), Ryan LaPoma, Lindsey Hardy, Eric Duea, Laurel Hamilton, Casey Bergh (Left at 5:58 pm), Al Spector (Arrived at 3:48 pm)

Staff: Cassie Lacy

Council Liaison: Gena Goodman-Campbell (Arrived at 3:36 pm and left at 5:46 pm)

Co-Chair Lindsey Hardy opened the meeting at 3:06 pm.

I. Housekeeping

a. Approval of 05/29/2019 meeting minutes

Approval of the 05/29/2019 meeting minutes was tabled for the next CASC meeting.

b. Updates

The online open house launches on July 1st and will run through July 31st. Cassie Lacy will send out the final version before it goes live on Monday. Ms. Lacy will send out the language to distribute through newsletters on Monday and will follow up with CASC members who offered other channels for distribution. A discussion ensued about alternate methods to collect feedback from communities unable to use the online system.

Ms. Hardy announced that the Bend-La Pine school board adopted a climate-change resolution.

Ms. Lacy presented CASC's strategies to the Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) and met with their advocacy committee.

The CASC timeline and the co-benefits scores were updated as a result of the discussions and motions passed during the 5/29/2019 meeting. The updated co-benefit scores were provided in today's meeting packet. Ms. Lacy provided an overview of CASC's updated timeline.

Ms. Lacy announced that the EnviroIssues consultant was switched out and that she is very pleased with the replacement's work so far.

Ms. Lacy visited the composting facility. The pilot program is going great, and they are looking into expanding the program.

II. Sub Action Review

a. Review and Approve Amended Sub-Actions

The amended sub-actions were provided in today's meeting packet. A discussion ensued about the language regarding home energy score programs vs. low-cost energy audit programs. CASC members provided feedback on the amended sub-actions. There was consensus to amend the language to describe the energy audit program as a supporting role and, under 1C of energy in buildings, to redact building permitting process from the language.

Laurel Hamilton moved to approve the amended sub-actions, including the amendments from today's meeting, seconded by Ryan LaPoma. Motion approved.

III. Strategy Prioritization

a. Results Review

Ms. Lacy presented the prioritized list of strategies; providing an overview of how the strategies were prioritized and what the prioritization means.

b. Discussion

A discussion ensued concerning rankings in relation to cumulative reduction potential and cost. In response to Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Lacy advised where to locate the data used in Good Company's calculations and the assumptions they made.

In response to Casey Bergh, Ms. Lacy stated that the percentage for mode share could be amended, if the CASC elects to do so. Ms. Hardy shared her concern that exaggerating bike mode share could ultimately lead to falling short of projected goals.

In response to Al Spector, Ms. Lacy confirmed that they have annual reductions in 2030, annual reductions in 2050, and the cumulative total reductions. The total co-benefit scores will remain as they are.

In response to Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Lacy advised that Good Company can rework the CO₂ reduction analysis for the suggested strategy if a better data source is provided. Ms. Lacy will schedule a phone call for Aaron Toneys and Ms. Hamilton to discuss additional data sources for the analysis.

In response to Eric Duea, Ms. Lacy will work to provide a graphic comparing the initial greenhouse gas inventory results and the prioritized strategies data at CASC's next meeting.

c. Approve Prioritization

There was consensus to omit from approving the prioritization at this time.

The topic of amending the bike mode share percentage was tabled for further discussion at the next CASC meeting.

IV. New Strategy Selection

a. Review Previous Runner Up Strategies & Propose New Strategies to Consider

Ms. Lacy presented a graph projecting CASC's 2030 and 2050 fossil fuel goals and gaps. Considering that the existing climate action plan (CAP) is fully implemented successfully, CASC would achieve its 2030 fossil fuel goal. The 2050 fossil fuel goal has a projected gap of 300,000 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent.

Ms. Lacy announced that five new strategies would be selected and sent to Good Company for analysis. CASC will elect five strategies during today's meeting, but only four will be submitted for analysis. CASC's fifth elected strategy will be tabled for consideration after public input is received from the online open house. A slide was displayed showing previous runner-up strategies and three other previous suggestions.

b. Round Robin Discussion of Strategies

CASC members were asked to announce their nominations. Ms. Lacy recorded the strategy nominations on poster paper. CASC members were each provided one minute to comment on the nominations.

c. Vote on New Strategy Additions

CASC committee members were each given five green stickers and were instructed to vote for five strategies.

By majority vote, the five elected strategies were:

1. Improve food waste diversion (*9 votes*)
2. Promote Ride Sharing (*8 votes*)
3. Develop programs targeting waste prevention (*8 votes*)
4. Incentivize the use of low carbon concrete in all new development (*7 votes*)
5. Target construction & demolition (C&D) waste diversion (*7 votes*)

Due to a tied vote between strategies four and five, CASC members voted, by a show of hands, to elect the fourth strategy to submit for analysis. By a majority vote, CASC members elected incentivize the use of low carbon concrete in all new development as the fourth strategy to be submitted for analysis. Target C&D waste diversion was tabled for consideration as the fifth strategy for analysis, pending the conclusion of input from the public comment period.

Mr. Duea motioned to approve the five elected strategies, seconded by Russ Donnelly. Motion approved.

V. CCAP Governance

a. Governance Recommendation Feedback

The Governance Subcommittee proposed a recommendation to form a new committee tasked with overseeing the implementation of the community climate action plan (CCAP). Ms. Lacy provided an overview of the recommended committee's seat structure, terms, and role.

Ms. Lacy announced that the proposed recommendation will be presented at the Stewardship Committee meeting to seek feedback from City Council.

Adjourned: 6:08 pm