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CAC Meeting

July 12, 2021

Remote Zoom Meeting

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Laura Olton. Present were Climate Action Committee (CAC) members: Laura Olton (CAC Chair), Fred Bungler, Ellen Korpi, Martha Collins. Also present were Marybeth Martello (Climate Action Director) and Janet Mosley (CAC Analyst). Also attending: Pamela Posey, Mary Gard, Phyllis Theerman. Absent: Cindy Mahr, Lise Olney, Sue Morris.

Citizen Speak – None

Approval of Meeting Minutes - No minutes to approve; will revisit next meeting.

Next Steps for Climate Action Plan Working Groups

Marybeth led a discussion to set the Working Group (WG) leads into motion for July and August with assignments and goals. WGs include a core team of 3-5 individuals, plus stakeholders who are experts in their field and will generate proposals. Kim Lundgren Associates (KLA) has identified high impact, hot topic, and resilience-building actions, and emphasized the period of 2025-2030 as a critical momentum building period.

- **Goals**

Accomplish the following two tasks before August 31st: 1) complete mechanism table worksheet and 2) complete barriers/ opportunities worksheet. The group reviewed the mechanism table for buildings as an example of how to complete this worksheet. The group also noted that the opportunity worksheet may be very helpful for increasing adoption of residential solar, and that the barrier worksheet will identify specific objections and allow CAC to craft a response.

- **Process**

Utilize KLA office hours in July and August, which are held on Mondays 4-5pm. KLA can offer feedback on prioritization of goals and advise on other matters.

- **Timeline**

An initial draft of each worksheet should be completed in July during core team meetings. Worksheets should be reviewed in August during both core team meetings and full WG meetings and should be finalized by the end of August.

Ellen raised a process-clarifying question: how will WGs manage overlaps between pathways? For example, incentives in Buildings WG may overlap with the Transportation WG. Discussion continued on how KLA differentiates between Energy and Buildings sectors.

Project Updates

The group discussed the potential conflict of interest with including volunteer members of the various working groups/stakeholder groups who are valuable for providing input and feedback, but may have a financial interest in the actions and outcomes. Laura will contact Tom Harrington to discuss this potential conflict.

The committee discussed how best to share CAP materials through One Drive and how to make them helpful to all parties. Marybeth suggested that WG leaders orient members to the Folder materials. The committee agreed that the next steps will be for Marybeth to reorganize the One Drive folder but not share with anyone until Core Leaders contact members.

Other business

The committee discussed the proposed Zoning bylaw changes and public feedback. Fred noted that updated language for both Project of Significant Impact (PSI) and Design Review was positively received by both boards, and that Don McCauley has posted a public hearing announcement to occur on a rolling basis with the first one on July 17. The group is finished and awaiting feedback through the public hearing process. The CAC is now waiting for feedback from the planning board and/or public hearing. Laura commented that the key to success is diverse feedback and interests.

Ellen noted the Sunday Boston Globe article about Mass Save, and that she and others alerted the state legislators about various issues with the Mass Save. She further noted a board of Green Light Commissioners, consisting of 5 members who meet monthly to lobby for inclusion in state considerations.

A CAC August meeting was proposed.

Fred Bunger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Sue Morris *and the Committee voted to adjourn.*