

MEETING SUMMARY



Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2022
8:30 a.m.



Present: Robert Anderson; Mary Pat Baldauf; Barbara Bowers; Penny Delaney Cothran; John Epting; David Foster; Robert Gudea; Kelvin Keisler; Kelly Laird; Gretchen Lambert; Lisa Muzekari; Bob Petrusis; Priscilla Preston; Clint Shealy; Peggy Smedley; Tameria Warren, Lori Ziolkowski.

Chairman Bob Petrusis called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Kelly Laird with ICF, the company that coordinates Dominion Energy of SC's incentive program, shared information about their commercial incentive program. She shared a wide range of information and will also provide information for the Speaking Sustainability e-newsletter.

Because several City staff members had to leave for a 9 a.m. meeting, Bob switched up the order of the agenda and called for staff reports.

Clint Shealy had no report. Fleet Supervisor David Foster reported that he'd been to a couple of conferences featuring a wide range of electric vehicle information. He discussed a few pros and cons of EV equipment, and said he was able to see some up close and even drive a couple. He says the transition should be interesting.

The next item of business was the approval of minutes, but there were no minutes put forward. Mary Pat explained that there had been some technical issues accessing the last few months of minutes, but that she would have them all by the June meeting.

Penny gave an update on the Ready for 100 resolution, version #2, titled "*Incorporate Energy Efficiency Measures and Power All City of Columbia, South Carolina Owned and Operated Investments and Infrastructures with the Creation of an Additional 75 MW of Energy from Non-Combustible Based, Renewable Sources by 2036.*" The group has spent a year working on this revised resolution, and the megawatt determination was one of the areas that took the longest. The City participated in the process and was ultimately comfortable with that amount. Penny noted that to provide for more flexibility, the working group amended clause #10 to include the option of using other incentive programs.

Penny then asked committee members if they had anything to add. Bob Gudea clarified that Clint had been working with the City to get robust calculations and projections of long-term energy use needs. The amount selected will take the City through 2036 with some left over to use for community solar, renters and/or local small businesses. Bob Petrusis also emphasized clause #8, which focused on environmental justice.

Penny made a motion that the committee present the resolution to Legal with final approval by CPAC before making the presentation to City Council; Tameria seconded the motion. The committee took a roll call vote of support for the final resolution so that staff could forward it to Legal for vetting. All appointees present voted in favor, including Jennifer Heinmiller, Penny Cothran Lambert, Bob Petrulis, Dr. Tameria Warren and Dr. Lori Ziolkowski.

Next up was a discussion of changing the regular meeting day and possibly time of day to better accommodate appointees and City staff and officials. There was some discussion about moving the meeting outside of regular working hours to better accommodate public participation and/or alternating meeting times. Robert Anderson suggested since so many staff members participate and the meetings occur every two weeks that we vet the meeting time change through Clint and the City Manager. Bob suggested that we entertain the possibility of moving the regular meeting day to Thursday and possibly revisit the time of day. Penny made a motion that the meetings be moved to Thursday, and Dr. Z. seconded it. The motion passed, and Bob will be examining the time of day after hearing back from City management.

Mary Pat announced that she had just returned from the SE Sustainability Directors Network and brought back a lot of information, especially on NOAA's heat mapping project that USC will be doing this summer. She announced that LEAP is moving forward, and that the NREL advisor will soon be scheduling a call with the working committee. She added that she had completed the LEED for Cities orientation and that the City is in the process of hiring Clara Lotz as the LEED for Cities/Sustainability intern; she will begin on May 31.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- *Appointee Working Meeting: Thursday, May 26, 8:30am*
- *Appointee Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 8:30am*
- *Advisory Meeting: August 4, 10 a.m.*
- *E&I presentation to council: TBD*