

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY



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



PRESENT: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Barbara Bowers, Penny Delaney Cothran, John Epting, Gretchen Lambert, Zach Laprise, Nina Gray, Mary Nesfield, Bob Petrulis, Priscilla Preston, Dr. Tameria Warren, Samantha Yager, Dr. Lori Ziolkowski.

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

Minutes from the March 2022 meeting were not distributed for consideration at this meeting, so the group will have double minutes to approve at the next meeting.

The group spent about 30 minutes discussing the Climate Ready Columbia Conference and Neighborhood Yard Tour.

Next up were staff reports. Mary Pat reported that the City applied and was selected for a pilot program from the Department of Energy and National Renewable Energy Lab for about a year's worth of technical assistance on a Ready to 100 Framework for low income housing. She added that the City was also selected to be part of the LEED for Cities cohort, which will be a good follow up to our STAR Communities, which went under the LEED for Cities umbrella.

Dr. Z. asked if there a Ready for 100 summer intern was still on the table. Robert Anderson explained that the City would use one intern solely for LEED for Cities, and that if there was a case made for a second intern, he would consider it.

Robert Gudea then gave an update on an ad-hoc committee that put together information for an intern. They drafted a description and shared it with Bob; Robert asked if Bob could share that on the chat. Bob said that perhaps we could attach it as an addendum to the minutes and/or to the group after the meeting.

Penny then updated the group on “Resolution 2.0,” the revised Ready for 100 Resolution. She explained that the committee was almost done with the resolution, and would be meeting again next Friday. She invited anyone interested to attend the meeting and stay tuned for additional information.

Zach provided an update on the sustainability plan committee. For the past several weeks, the group has been investigating a possible grant possibility working with an HBU. It hasn’t panned out, but Zach is now going to look at the possibility of using ICLEI’s newly announced million dollar grant for the project.

Bob then reported on the activities of the Communications Committee. They’ve been working with Mary Pat to fine tune the Speaking Sustainability e-newsletter. He also announced that the webinar scheduled for April 21 is being moved to May to accommodate a competing event. The webinar will be a wrap up of the Climate Ready Columbia conference.

Dr. Z. recognized Clint Shealy to update the Procurement Cohort. Clint explained that the City is still waiting to get information from Dominion on the possibility of a custom agreement, which is being delayed by a staff change at Dominion.

Samantha said that she learned a lot at the conference, but didn’t have much of a staff update on recycling. She has submitted applications for DHEC grant funding for the coming year.

Bob mentioned that he’d sent a survey about moving the CPAC meeting day and asked everyone to fill it out so member feedback could be taken under advisement.

Under new business, Barbara Bowers asked to discuss City greenways, specifically the linking of greenways along the rivers throughout the Midlands. While she isn’t part of

any group working on that, she would be interested in doing so. Robert Anderson summarized some of the plans for greenway connectivity that would all take place over the next few years. He explained that many groups are working on it, including Richland County's Penny Committee. John Epting, who chairs the Penny Committee, echoed what Robert said in that there are a lot of groups and funding sources for connectivity.

Robert Gudea expressed a concern about some tree cutting in Lower Richland and asked if anyone knew about it. Clint explained that there had been a lot of concerns expressed about the cutting, and that it was part a project of the Penny Committee. John Epting clarified that it was a Department of Transportation project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.