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Climate Protection Action Committee  
Monthly Appointee Meeting  
Friday, January 5, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom



APPOINTEES PRESENT: Gretchen Lambert, Bob Petrulic, Dennis Wiehl: APPOINTEES ABSENT: Shelley Sasser (unexcused), Dave Voyles (excused)

OTHERS: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Leslie Coolidge, Jory Fleming, Brenda Krebs, Clint Shealy, Samantha Yager.

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Clint updated the group on Resolution 2.0. He walked through the list of action items and updated each one:

- Energy Audits: For all occupied City facilities, a request for qualifications has been drafted and will likely be released in January.
- Procurement of non-combustible renewable energy: One project coming out of the EPA CPRG talks is large scale solar. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) also has some tax breaks that are making it more attractive to do projects like small scale solar and biogas.
- Solar Battery Storage: The AFLAC building is going to be the new police headquarters, and it doesn't have battery storage. The City will have to consider the feasibility of adding it if it makes sense.
- Cohort to Monitor Resolution: Right now, the cohort consists of Clint, ACM Henry Simons, General Services Director Kelvin Keisler, Robert Anderson and Mary Pat Baldauf., but it's still a work in progress. When asked, Clint said that having a CPAC member was a possibility.
- Dashboard: Clint reported that Mary Pat has been looking at Power BI, a dashboard software that the City has license for. She has been playing with tutorials, but needs data before she can fully explore its use. However, others in the City are using it for dashboards.

Chairman Bob Petrulis reported that the revised CPAC by-laws would be considered by City Council on December 19. He noted that the by-laws were changed to reflect the new City policies for boards and commissions. Staff is reporting them out to the Health, Safety and Environment Committee in January, then they should be moved to Council agenda.

Gretchen Lambert noted that due to the new attendance policies, we need to be tracking appointee attendance in such a way that we can share it with Ashley. Robert suggested that Mary Pat look for an online attendance tracker.

Gretchen also reminded the group that the appointees are scheduled to elect officers in January. Bob suggested that there may need to be some flexibility related to the new by-laws and increased number of appointees. She also requested that Mary Pat compile a list of the 2024 meeting dates for the members and to have for Ashley.

The Speaking Sustainability newsletter went out later than usual due to staff illness so there isn't a good read on the readership stats.

C-LEAP is winding down; the last internal meeting is being held this afternoon. Most recently, low-to-moderate income housing groups met with the Sustainability Institute to see how they serve as a one-stop shop for housing improvements. The group will be meeting again in January to discuss next steps.

Mary Pat and Jory updated the group on the Palmetto Air Quality Coalition activities, which include the evaluation of the surveys.

When asked for any staff updates, Robert reported that recycling was still in the tank.

Bob brought up ad-hoc committee ideas and asked about upcoming priorities. Robert mentioned there were still deadlines associated with the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Act, then mentioned the audits.

Bob asked if there was any information for the good of the cause before adjourning. Dennis asked about partnerships between groups like the City and the University. There was some general discussion about partnerships and different initiatives, but no action was taken.

Bob reminded the group that the Environmental Roundtable would be held on January 19 at 9 a.m.

Dennis made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Gretchen seconded it. The meeting was adjourned around 10:15 a.m.