

MEETING SUMMARY



Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2022
8:30 a.m.



Present: Robert Anderson; Mary Pat Baldauf; Barbara Bowers; Penny Delaney Cothran; David Foster; Robert Gudea; Kelvin Keisler; Gretchen Lambert; Clara Lotz; Lisa Muzekari; Bob Petrusis; Clint Shealy; Tameria Warren; Stacey Washington; Chenille Williams; Samantha Yager.

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Robert Anderson gave an update on the appointment process. There has been a City Council directive to put a hold on all appointments until they time to present a proposal on ways to change the process, not just for CPAC, but also for all boards and commissions. CPAC seats will be filled when the process has reopened.

CPAC Priority Updates

RESOLUTION 2.0: Clint announced that Legal and several staff members had reviewed the resolution, but that he was getting feedback from one more group tomorrow. Once the feedback is complete, he will compile it and get it back to CPAC via Bob.

PROCUREMENT COHORT UPDATE: Clint announced that at the last meeting, the group discussed next steps, including property availability. However, he is still waiting to hear back from Dominion on their straw man proposal. He will follow up this week.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Bob announced that *Speaking Sustainability* went out last week. The group is working on an August 18 webinar about citizen science. Presenters/topics include Dr. Kirsten Dow on Urban Heat Mapping, DHEC water quality monitoring opportunities, speaker TBA and water quality testing with Congaree Biosphere Reserve and the Circle Initiative by Dr. Tameria Warren.

LEED FOR CITIES: Intern Clara Lotz updated the group on the progress toward completion. She has made contact with four of seven key category contacts and scheduled meetings with them to review the data gathering process. She has met with GIS and Community Development. GIS is almost finished with their part of the application. Three of 50 total credits have been completed; this number will rise quickly as more meetings are scheduled and completed.

C-LEAP: Mary Pat reported that the C-LEAP team is meeting on a regular basis (bi-weekly) and that the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) is coordinating a scoping call on Friday, August 12. NREL has asked us to bring a few more people to the table for these conversations, and the following people/organizations have been invited: City of Columbia Community Development director, Columbia Housing Authority and Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

CLIMATE PLAN COMMITTEE: Zach Laprise, who was leading this committee, has officially moved to Washington, D.C. for his new job, and the committee has been inactive lately. Bob suggested that CPAC engage the City to move forward with climate planning. He will be meeting with Mary Pat and Senior Planner Leigh Deforth next week to discuss options and how a climate plan might dovetail into requirements for the Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF UPDATES

- Sustainability Facilitator Mary Pat Baldauf reported that her updates were mostly C-LEAP and LEED for Cities, which she already covered. She also announced that she had written and submitted a SC Energy Office mini-grant application to update EV chargers in the Cannon Parking Garage.
- Solid Waste Superintendent Samantha Yager reported that things in Solid Waste and recycling were steady. There has been a huge drop in the cost of plastic.

Bob then opened the floor for other business.

- Dr. Z. announced that she was working with the Ann Johnson Foundation to help infrastructure grants that would be helpful for cities.
- Bob said that data collection for the urban heat-mapping project will be conducted this weekend, weather permitting.
- Stacey Washington with the State Energy Office introduced new employee Chenille Williams and gave an update on the home energy-working group. That group is now working to determine what the label would look like and how to get the process going.

Bob announced that the next working meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18 at 8:30 a.m. The next regular appointee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1 at 8:30 a.m.

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