

# MEETING SUMMARY



Climate Protection Action Committee  
Monthly Appointee Meeting (*HYBRID*)  
Thursday, November 3, 2022  
8:30 a.m.



**Present in person:** Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Gretchen Lambert, Bob Petrulis,

**Present via Zoom:** Penny Delaney Cothran, Nina Grey, Kappy Hubbard, Anna McKoy, Lisa Muzekari, Priscilla Preston, Clint Shealy, Lori Ziolkowski.

Chairman Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

The November meeting minutes were deferred due to technical issues.

## CPAC Priority Updates

**RESOLUTION 2.0:** Clint reported that it will likely be discussed during the second work session in January.

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION:** Bob added that when they go to this meeting, he'd also like to give them a general CPAC update.

**PROCUREMENT COHORT UPDATE:** Dr. Z. planted a seed with Chip Huggins and Will Elliott at USC; they will likely be contacting Clint about ways for USC involvement. Clint reported that Dominion hasn't yet sent a straw man document for solar; Danny Kassis contacted him recently to apologize for the delay.

**LAST MEETING:** Dr. Z. reported that Jory Fleming did a presentation on the possible establishment of a Green Bank in South Carolina. They may apply for EPA money available this summer for greenhouse gas emission reduction, which is available to municipalities and non-profits. Dr. Z. said that the City needs to be ready to roll when the funding becomes available. She added that there was also some discussion on re-branding the Ready for 100 commitment.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mary Pat reported that Speaking Sustainability will be going out this week. She also reviewed the November CPAC webinar "How to Reduce Your Holiday Waste-line."

**C-LEAP:** Will be meeting tomorrow, and should hear more about the fleshed out plan.

**LEED FOR CITIES:** There are only about 15 more actions left. In those actions, there are 37 points available; she estimates conservatively that the City will get at least 19 of those. At this time, we appear to be in line for a silver certification, possibly gold.

**UPDATE ON CPAC MEMBERSHIP:** Robert and Mary Pat have been reviewing the appointee list with a fine-tooth comb in hopes to coordinate better with City staff, City Council and the new MatchBoard platform. There was some discussion between Gretchen and Robert about the status and exact dates of the appointments and the re-write of the by-laws. She is going to stay after the meeting to walk through these with Robert and Mary Pat. Bob noted that Penny was not seeking a second term, and it is going to become more difficult to get a quorum. That's why it is so important to get these issues settled.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

- **Public Works Director Robert Anderson** didn't have any updates. He reported for Sam, who he sent to another meeting today, that the recycling markets were pretty unstable right now, but the City is still strong on recycling. When asked about the electric vehicles, Robert said that we have some Chevy Volts coming, and that the City is also looking at the Rivian, too. There was then a question and discussion about using biomass to power fleet vehicles. Dr. Z. says there may be some funding possibilities through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- **Sustainability Facilitator Mary Pat Baldauf** reported that she and Bob were visiting the USC College of Journalism to hear presentations from the students this afternoon. She also reported that the City received a mini-grant from the Office of Regulatory Service/State Office of Energy to update EV chargers in the Cannon Street Parking Garage.
- **Assistant City Manager Clint Shealy** briefly spoke to a question Dr. Z. had about biomass-powering vehicles. He also mentioned that Columbia Water has been monitoring the potential rail strike because chlorine is shipped via rail and any delays in shipment could be detrimental to public health.

### **Bob then opened the floor for new and old business.**

- Bob reported that Dr. Z's schedule is changing next semester and that it may be time to think about the dates and/or times of appointment meetings. He offered to lead an ad-hoc committee to look at revisiting this and asked for volunteers. Lisa and Lori offered to help with this process.
- Bob reminded the group that elections are typically held in January, but with the limited number of appointees, it may be difficult. Bob recommended that we slide into the new year with the same officers and wait until new appointees are made.
- Gretchen reported that the Columbia Empowerment Zone have reached out to Dominion SC and ICF to do a test run on the incentive program. They own an incubator building that needs some updating, as well as Gretchen's office which was renovated about six years ago. An electrical consultant came to the buildings for a walk-through and made recommendations to make the buildings could more efficient. For the CEZ building, the expenditure was \$14,000 with a three-year payback. CEZ is looking at the possibility of (Around 57:35 for clarification...)

Hearing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.