

MEETING SUMMARY



Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, September 1, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom



ATTENDEES: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Leslie Coolidge, Kirsten Dow, Nina Gray, Gretchen Lambert, Bob Petrusis, Priscilla Preston, Mayor Daniel Rickenmann, Clint Shealy, Dennis Wiehl, David Voyles, Samantha Yager.

Bob called the meeting to order with a quorum at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes from the July and August meetings were approved as submitted.

After member introductions, Bob welcomed Mayor Daniel Rickenmann, saying that he invited him to share the vision of CPAC and hear his thoughts on climate action. Mayor Rickenmann said that he preferred to answer questions and would love to hear what the group has to say.

A wide ranging, generative discussion occurred for the next hour, with the Mayor reinforcing his support for sustainability and climate action.

Gretchen Lambert brought up the possibility of hiring or appointing a “climate czar” to assist with the wide range of funds available through the Infrastructure Act and coordinating the multidepartment implications of many projects. The Mayor said he would love the city be proactive this way, but that there would be a lot of questions about how it would work.

When asked how CPAC could help move things forward, Mayor Rickenmann recommended that CPAC choose three items, ranging from low hanging fruit to more difficult, and work on those now through rest of the budget year.

Robert Anderson added that the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant may help identify items as well.

After some final discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.