

# MINUTES



Climate Protection Action Committee  
Monthly Appointee Meeting  
Friday, March 1, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.



Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Gretchen Lambert, Bob Petrulis, Shelley Sasser, Dave Voyles, Dennis Wiehl

Others Present: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Jason Czerwinski, Priscilla Preston

Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Clint Shealy updated the group on Ready for 100 v. 2.0:

- A request for information was released for the biogas project. A pre-meeting and site visit was done. The next step is to pick three or so of the most qualified and send requests for proposals. There will be an opportunity for a CPAC appointee to be involved; Bob said that if no one else was interested that he would like to do it.
- The citywide energy efficiency management team is reviewing requests for qualification today and hope to send requests for proposals in a few weeks.
- Solar is a hot topic right now; there may be grant funding available through the Climate Pollution Reduction Program grants. There is a potential partnership between the East Richland County Public Service Commission and the City of Cayce as well as an assistance fund geared toward the LMI community.

The January meeting minutes were approved (February's meeting was canceled.)  
Gretchen Lambert made the motion; Dennis Wiehl seconded it.

Review/approve minutes of January meeting (February meeting was cancelled)

Mary Pat reported that the revisions to the by-laws were reviewed and endorsed by the Health, Social and Environmental Committee and would be going to full council for consideration.

She also reported 1Q24 statistics from Speaking Sustainability newsletters.

The official C-LEAP project with the US Department of Energy and National Renewable Energy Lab is officially over, but there is still a desire to improve building efficiency for the low to moderate income community. Bob asked if anyone is interested in serving on an ad-hoc committee for this. David and Gretchen agreed to talk to their property managers to see how the group could involve them. Dennis later said that he could serve if the committee didn't meet on Thursdays.

Mary Pat reported that the Council of Governments has submitted the Priority Climate Action Plan, which was due March 1. The next deadline is for the grant application, due on April 1.

In staff updates, Mary Pat reported that there would be a Golden Hour Nature Walk of Boyd Island for Earth Hour on Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free, but reservations are required.

Robert updated the group on several items that impact sustainability:

- Reroute of the solid waste system, with 7000 people being moved to a new day
- Public Works is again doing Touch-A-Truck on Main Street; the date is Saturday, May 4.
- There is a new program called City Detect which helps identify code violations via a camera placed on garbage trucks.
- Solid Waste is demonstrating a new routing software called Rubicon.

In new business/old business the group discussed elections and ad hoc committees. There will be 11 appointees with the approval of the new by-laws and once those appointees are seated and settled, it will be a good time to elect officers and staff the ad-hoc committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.