



Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, August 2, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Josey Kline, Gretchen Lambert, Benjamin Marosites, Bob Petrulis, Joyce Rose-Harris, Julie Seel, David Voyles, Dennis Wiehl

Others Present: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Jory Fleming, Joana Lagunes Arauz, Kappy Hubbard, Samantha Yager

Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Clint was up first for a Resolution 2.0 update:

- The RFQ for the energy management firm has gone out. Six applications were reviewed; five were forwarded on.
- Only two RFPs for the metro biogas project were received, but both were good. The team is evaluating those and figuring out how to move forward. The next step is to look at going into contract negotiations with one of those firms and probably doing the public involvement piece.
- We'll probably see a press conference in late September/early October as we approach the ninth anniversary of the flood to announce some of the agreements the City has made with FEMA and FERQ and the path moving forward.
- Most important to CPAC is the reopening of the hydro-electric plant back up and operating. Clint is hoping to make the plant more visible and accessible to the public.

Minutes from the July meeting were presented and approved as submitted.

Mary Pat Baldauf then gave an update on the Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Grants. A list of the grants are attached. Staff is developing reporting mechanisms for the grant. Bob offered to help, if needed.

Bob then called on Gretchen to discuss the creation of CPAC subcommittees to involve more people in CPAC's mission. Gretchen called on members to submit ideas for committees they'd be interested in seeing CPAC create by Friday, August 9 for discussion at the next working committee meeting.

Mary Pat reported that the August issue of *Speaking Sustainability* was distributed August 1. She'll have statistics at the next meeting.

Jory from the Council of Governments reported that Columbia received one of 25 CPRG Implementation grants from the EPA. The bulk of the nearly nine million dollar funds will be going toward local government projects in the solar space and Smart Surfaces space. The City has two projects: a large solar array at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and a Smart surfaces project.

In staff updates, Samantha reported that recycling was good. Julie Seel said that she is overrun with textiles at about 500 lbs. a month. Bob said that he has spoken with Goodwill because so many of their donated clothes are being recycled, not resold. Gretchen added that this would be a great suggestion for a committee.

Mary Pat said that she had been working with the COG to help interview firms for the second part of the CPRG, as well as working on the Bloomberg grants.

Dennis Wiehl reviewed his Free Times article of the month about City planning and encouraged folks to get involved with Columbia Compass. After some discussion, Bob reminded the members that there are still three open position in case they know of someone who may like to participate. He also reminded everyone about the August 16 working meeting.

The meeting was adjourned just after 10 a.m.