



## **SUMMARY**

Climate Protection Action Committee  
Monthly Appointee Meeting  
Friday, September 6, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Joyce Harris, Gretchen Lambert, Benjamin Marsites, Bob Petrulis, Julie Seel, Dave Voyles, Dennie Wiehl

Appointees Absent: Josey Cline (excused)

Guests: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Kappy Hubbard, Nicolas Julian, Priscilla Preston, Amaryah Seawright, Samantha Yager

Chairman Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Meeting minutes from August were approved as submitted. (Gretchen Lambert, Dennis Wiehl)

Next was the Ready for 100 v2.0 review from Clint Shealy:

- We have entered contract negotiations for the biogas opportunity at the Metro Waste Water Treatment Plant. The company offers a solution to clean the gas and put it back in the Dominion pipeline, and also to get credit for generating renewable natural gas. It is a positive cash flow for Columbia Water and there are opportunities to grow the relationship.
- Regarding the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), Jory is coordinating a meeting of the phase one participants the first week in October. The solar plant at the Waste Water Treatment Plant made the cut for the first phase, so we look forward to getting started on that.
- The City energy management RFQ has been scored and four companies were invited to submit requests for proposals. The companies were ESCO-

type companies which can recommend energy-efficiency projects and help with the financing and pay back with minimal capital investment.

- On October 4 at 2 p.m. at Edventure there will be a significant announcement on the status of the canal recovery with all of our partners who have helped us get to this point. CPAC members are invited to attend.

Bob asked if anyone had any questions for Clint. Hearing none, Bob announced that due to the Mayor's Breast Cancer breakfast on October 4 - which Public Works hosts and cooks for - there would be no CPAC meeting on October 4. He encouraged members to attend the Mayor's Breast Cancer breakfast, which will be held at on Main Street in front of City Hall. The cost is \$15, payable at the door.

Bob then kicked off round robin introductions. Following her introduction, Bob announced that Priscilla Preston had been named national volunteer of the year for the Sierra Club.

Next up was the Youth Climate Action Fund. Mary Pat reported that the recipients had been recognized at an orientation session a few weeks ago. Each groups who received a grant was represented. The grant checks have been distributed, and the groups are starting work on their projects. The City's first big report is due to Bloomberg on October 16.

Gretchen then spoke about the formation of subcommittees. The appointees got through most of the list of possible committees, but have a few left over to discuss: Ready for 100, Smart Growth and Urban Farming. After robust discussion, Bob suggested that the group devote the next working session to continue the conversations and determine what subcommittees to prioritize.

Mary Pat then reported on the September Speaking Sustainability issue.

As Clint reported, Jory is coordinating a meeting of the phase one implementation project leaders for early October.

Samantha reported that Nicolas is starting oyster shell recycling on Park Street and that leaf season is coming up. She reminded folks to separate their leaves.

Bob called for new/old business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

### *UPCOMING MEETINGS*

- *September working session: Friday, September 20, 2024, 9 a.m.*
- *Note: No October Appointee Regular Meeting*
- *Next Environmental Roundtable: Friday, October 18, 2024, 9 a.m.*