



SUMMARY

Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, November 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

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

Appointees Absent: Joyce Harris (excused)

Guests and Staff: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Michael Bourke, Kirsten Dow, Jory Fleming, Michael Garner, Laura Anne Hunt, Mary Beth Pifer, Clint Shealy, Samantha Yager

Chairman Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

- The City energy management RFQ has been scored and four of the five companies will be invited to submit requests for proposals. The RFQ has not yet been released, but it should go out in November.
- The City has had a final negotiation meeting with for the biogas opportunity at the Metro Waste Water Treatment Plant. The agreement will go to Council on December 3. Construction will begin before the end of 2024.
- The October event went forward despite Hurricane Helene, and there was a good turnout. During the event, City officials announced significant progress on the canal recovery.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Bob then introduced Michael Bourke and Michael Garner, representing the state energy office. They gave a brief presentation on the proposed energy labeling process. There will be a deeper dive on the topic at the October working meeting.

The Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund mid-term reports were due yesterday, and appointees and staff updated the group on four of the recipients: USC Office of Sustainability Home Weatherization project, Columbia College Greenhouse Renovation, Dreher High School Biodiversity Gardens and Ride the Bus! Save the Planet!

Jory Fleming from the Central Midlands Council of Governments then gave an update on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. They are working on the climate action plan and recently announced funding for Climate Conversations, available to non-profits, schools, local governments.

Bob then went through the list of working subcommittees to get an update on any activity:

The Heat Island group hasn't had a first meeting, but Bob hopes to pull something together soon.

Ready for 100: Gretchen Lambert said that she hasn't done a lot yet, but that this has been a robust committee in the past and she expects the same with the committee this time around.

Urban Farming: Dave Voyles announced that the committee wants to do one thing and get an accomplishment in the books. They hope to bring something back to the full committee soon.

Climate Plan Group: Bob said that no organizing has been done, but he sees the role of the subcommittee to advocate that the City do a new climate action plan vs. CPAC doing it themselves.

Smart Growth is holding its first meeting on December 13 after the CPAC appointee meeting. They will be meeting with Planning and Development Services staff.

There has been no action on Communications and Outreach, Clean Jobs/Green Work Force, Housing Improvement.

Bob announced the working session will be held on Friday, November 15. Also, there will only be one meeting in December, December 13, and it will start 30 minutes later than usual at 9:30 a.m.

In brief staff reports, Mary Pat reported that she has been working on grants: EECEBG, Beat the Heat-Plant a Tree, CPRG and Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund.

Samantha reported that the recycling markets are getting better, but still have room for improvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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