



SUMMARY

Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, May 2, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Josey Cline, Cameron Cohran, Joyce Rose-Harris, Gretchen Lambert, Benjamin Marosites, Caroline Nagel, Bob Petrulis, Julie Seel, Angie Fuller Wildt.

Guests and Staff: Mary Pat Baldauf, Jory Fleming, Amy Rivera, Samantha Yager

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

Clint Shealy gave an update with some good news. After some uncertainties, the City has gotten a letter from FEMA explaining that if the budget has been obligated and construction has started, the resilience grant for the alternative water supply stands. He mentioned that they feel good about other recovery funds, as well.

All indications about the COG Climate Pollution Reduction Grant are that the grants are still available.

The biogas project which the City was taken back by Dominion's posture about receiving gas into their pipelines has not changed. The City is still intent on doing something, but will have to find something else to do

Clint reported that the energy efficiency audit project has been shortlisted and procurement has developed an RFP for those firms on that shortlist. It should go out in the next week or two. Clint said that soon he'd like to talk with Bob about ways to integrate CPAC into the work.

When asked about the dashboard, Mary Pat explained that a summer intern was coming aboard in late May and that is on her list of things to do.

Clint answered a few other questions, then excused himself for another commitment.

Bob then asked members to review the summary from the April meeting. Gretchen Lambert made a motion that the minutes be approved, seconded by Angi Fuller Wildt. The minutes were passed as presented.

Next up was the review the earth day event. The group agreed that it went well, despite Mother Nature's attempt to wash it away. It was estimated that approximately 300-400 people attended the event, and that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mary Pat then updated the group on the second round of the Bloomberg Youth Climate action grants. Seventeen \$5000 grants were selected by a CPAC committee. An orientation and check presentation will be held on at 5:30 p.m. on May 22. Mary Pat then read the list of recipients for the second round, and will make that available via email to the full membership. A total of 25 applications were received, and 17 were funded at \$5000 per grant for a total of \$85,000.

Amy from the Mayor's Office said that she would be updating the Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund on the Strategic Initiatives page on the City's web site and would work to promote the recipients.

Amy then mentioned that the Mayor's Office is working with America's All In on a May 28 workshop on how cities are handling climate change and public-private partnerships. CPAC appointees and supporters should have received an invitation this week. If not, please let Mary Pat or Amy know.

The May Speaking Sustainability newsletter went out yesterday, so there are no stats yet. In April, 828 newsletters were distributed and the open rate was 52%. The link click rate was 10 percent, and the most viewed links the one about microplastics in the human brain.

Bob mentioned that there would be an orientation session for new appointees on Thursday, May 15 at 10 a.m. at the Edgewood Library. Other members were invited to attend as well.

Jory then updated the group about the Climate Protection Reduction Grant, including the launch of and joint public survey with the SC Office of Resilience that will be going out soon.

In old business, Bob mentioned that he had been trying to find City funding for an upcoming Choral Society Environmental event. He was unable to do so, so he made a donation from his company and will get a plug for CPAC as a result. He'll also be getting eight tickets if anyone wants to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.