



## **SUMMARY**

Climate Protection Action Committee  
Monthly Appointee Meeting  
Friday, June 6, 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

Appointees Absent: Dennis Wiehl (excused); Angi Fuller Wildt (excused)

Guests and Staff: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Samantha Cornell, Beata Dewitt, Priscilla Presley, Clint Shealy, Samantha Yager

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

Clint Shealy opened the meeting saying that we'd been involved with an America Is All In workshop last week (note: eight CPAC appointees attended the workshop). Speaking to Resolution 2.0, Clint said that he'd seen a final version of the RFP for the energy audits and is pushing Procurement to get it out so we could get moving on the audits and capture the low-hanging fruit.

Dominion has not changed their posture on receiving clean biogas from the WWTP. There are some other ideas in the works, but since the conditions have changed, we're going to cancel the procurement and reissue it to open it back up for competition.

Clint noted that a portion of Riverfront Park has been closed to facilitate the canal recovery. Why now, when the weather is just getting nice? Due to some endangered species, there's a narrow window of time between late May through October to be working in the river. They are working to update the signage so that people won't be surprised when they go for a run or bike. CPAC can help by spreading the word to fellow park users.

Following Clint's presentation, the May meeting summary was approved.

Bob updated the group on the May presentation to the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs committee.

Bob said that many of the members were at the America is All In event, so he opened the floor for any takeaways. The group briefly discussed the meeting, including Scout's participation. Others spoke about some positive interactions they had at their tables. Bob said that he would like to strengthen the relationship between CPAC and Sustain SC; he's going to invite them to speak at an upcoming meeting.

Bob then recognized Ben Marosites who is working on a late summer heat study similar to the project that was done a couple of years ago. The details are still being finalized, but he is looking for folks who are interested in hearing more or potentially volunteering later this summer. For information, complete the [Columbia Heat Mapping Volunteer Interest Survey](#).

Bob asked Mary Pat for updates about Bloomberg and Speaking Sustainability. There was an orientation and check presentation on May 22; all but one group was represented. Newsletter subscribers are up by 10% since April, which may be a result of promotion at the Earth Day Climate Action Fair.

Staffwise, Mary Pat reported that Ashley Woods has the minutes for the next step. Robert reported that talks are underway to re-launch Beat the Heat under Columbia Green.

Bob and Julie talked about the possibility of highlighting some interactive green technology downtown to promote the City's LEED certification. Bob said that perhaps the group could do some brainstorming down the line.

Bob reminded members that the July meeting is scheduled for July 4, so it was moved to July 11. There will be no working meeting in July.

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