



SUMMARY

Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, JULY 11, 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, Dennis Wiehl, Angi Fuller Wildt.

Guests and Staff: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Samantha Cornell, Beata Dewitt, Kappy Hubbard, Brenda Krebs, Priscilla Preston.

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

Robert announced that Clint was occupied at City Hall and would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. The date was incorrect, and Dennis Wiehl was not listed as an excused absence. Mary Pat will make those changes; the minutes were approved with said changes.

Mary Pat updated the group on the Bloomberg Youth Climate Action grant. Recipients have their first report due on July 15, so we'll have more details in August. In the meantime, Samantha Cornell is tracking the progress on a percentage basis in the dashboard she has created. She took a few minutes to show the dashboard and explain our plans for using it.

Mary Pat reported that Speaking Sustainability went out on July 7 to 843 subscribers. So far, the open rate is 50% and the most popular link was the "New foods on the dirty dozen list" with 63 clicks.

Next up was the urban farming working group update. Dave Voyles reported that Samantha had taken the lead on BeeCity USA and he thanked her for her

work. Samantha will present the steps to BeeCity at the July meeting of the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs committee. Next up is a BeeCity Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22 at 10 a.m. in the small conference room.

Dave Voyles and Josey Cline are going to co-chair the committee; other members will include representatives from the City's Parks & Recreation and Forestry & Beautification departments. Columbia Green will also be represented on the committee as they will hold education events as part of Beat the Heat: The Sequel.

Dennis then updated the group on the Planning Working Group meeting after the last meeting. They are still reviewing best practices and talking about supporting the City's planning process. There was then some general discussion about the planning process.

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 process will take place August 11 – 17 and include bikers and car drivers measuring the heat with six to 10 special sensors. Thirty people have signed up to receive more information about participating. For information, complete the [Columbia Heat Mapping Volunteer Interest Survey](#).

Robert and Mary Pat had no additional staff updates. Samantha Yager was out, but Robert said that recycling was status quo.

In new business, Caroline Nagle talked about the need for a "keep the yard waste clean" campaign, and there was some general discussion.

Julie Seel would like to help start a textile recycling program. There will be a meeting with staff to discuss the possibilities on July 18 at 2 p.m.

In closing, the group was reminded that there will be no working meeting in July. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.