



## **SUMMARY**

Climate Protection Action Committee  
Monthly Appointee Meeting  
Friday, November 7, 2025  
9:00 a.m.  
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Josey Cline, Cameron Cohran, Joyce Rose-Harris, Gretchen Lambert, Benjamin Marosites, Bob Petrusis, Dave Voyles, Dennis Wiehl.

Appointees Excused Absence: Caroline Nagel, Julie Seel

Guests and Staff: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Beata Dewitt, Jory Fleming, Priscilla Preston, Chenille Williams, Samantha Yager.

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

Clint Shealy was unable to attend, and thus the Ready for 100 Resolution 2.0 discussion will return next time.

The summary from the October 10 meeting was accepted as presented with a motion from Dennis Wiehl and second from Dave Voyles.

Dave reported that there have been some informal conversations about Bee City activities, and that he would soon be calling a Bee City Committee meeting to discuss them in greater detail.

Ben Marosites said that the results from the heat mapping exercise will be coming out soon and he will share the information with the group.

Mary Pat reported that Bloomberg projects were due October 31, and only two groups needed extensions. She also reported that Bloomberg is opening up another round of funding to 300 cities and that the City must reapply for consideration. The first step is to express interest before the December application period begins.

Speaking Sustainability went out to 809 contacts in November, Mary Pat reported, and the open rate was 52.5%. The top click was "This simple habit knocks \$100 off your electric bill and takes little effort."

Jory Fleming reported that he will be doing this month's working session on the climate planning document that is due to the EPA by December 1. He'll distributed the draft a few days in advance of the meeting so folks will have a chance to view it before commenting on it. He reminded the group that the CPRG grant extends until 2027.

Bob announced that the University of SC's Parking Division is doing a big study on mobility issues on campus. Caroline Nagel is coordinating a meeting with USC Parking to discuss their plans, and Bob and Caroline will bring information back to the group.

Dennis Wiehl reported that the Smart Growth committee has been reviewing best practices and is trying to get their thoughts down to a manageable format to present to CPAC then others to be determined.

In staff updates, Robert reported that penny tax money for repaving streets won't come out until 2027, which means the smart surfaces project will be on hold. They have a ten million paving list ready to go. He also reported that he's heard that the Blue Bike infrastructure is being removed. The new welcome to Columbia sign is up on North Main Street, and the plants are going in on the beautification project from I-26 to the airport.

Samantha reported that the new routes start on Monday. About 10,000 customers' services are changing.

Priscilla Preston reported that the Sierra Club has been working with the Gamecock Consulting club who is researching the environmental impacts of AI data centers. Bob asked if the group would be interested in hosting a specially called meeting to hear about the project; several members expressed interest. The presentation will be held in the Public Works Small Conference room at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 14.

Bob announced that the next working session will be two weeks from today on November 21<sup>st</sup>. In December, there will only be one meeting, an appointee meeting, and it will be a week later than usual on December 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.