



SUMMARY

Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, January 8, 2026 9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Josey Cline, Cameron Cohran, Joyce Rose-Harris, Gretchen Lambert, Ben Marosites, Caroline Nagel, Bob Petrusis, Julie Seel, Dave Voyles, Dennis Wiehl.

Guests and Staff: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Samantha Cornell, Beata Dewitt, Leonora Dillon, Kirsten Austin Green, Brenda Krebs, Samantha Yager, Tameria Warren

Minutes from the last meeting were approved, with a motion by Dennis Wiehl, seconded by Gretchen Lambert.

Next on the agenda was an update on the approval of the updated by-laws. Mary Pat reported that Erika Hammond, the City Clerk, is now handling Boards and Commissions. Erika indicated that past by-law changes have been approved by the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee and that should be the case now. She will get it on their agenda as soon as they get a new chairman.

Bob opened the floor for officer nominations. Joyce Rose-Harris put in her name for Secretary and Dennis Wiehl offered for Vice Chairman. Camron Cohran said that if no one wanted to be chairman, he would do it; he'd just like to talk to Bob first. A motion to elect Joyce as Secretary was made by Gretchen and seconded by Dennis. The motion carried unanimously. Joyce then made a motion to elect Dennis as Vice-Chairman, and Gretchen seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mary Pat announced that the first Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Showcase would be held on Tuesday, January 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the City Hall lobby. Half of the groups will be featured. On February 3, there will be a second showcase for the remainder of the groups; it will be in the City Hall lobby from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Members were encouraged to attend both of the showcases, if possible.

Bob mentioned two upcoming meetings that had been scheduled since the last meeting.

1. First is a special opportunity to tour Edventure's new environmental exhibit on Friday, January 23 at 10:30 a.m. It's a free hard hat tour, but RSVPs to Mary Pat are required.
2. Second is a Home Energy Labeling meeting to discuss the new program with the newly selected administrators. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the SC Energy Office, 1901 Main Street, Suite 1500.

Mary Pat also updated the group on Speaking Sustainability. The December issue went out to 804 people, and had a 53% open rate. The click rate was six %, and the highest views were received by "Five Easy Wins for the Environment. Bob reminded folks that information for the newsletter needs to be submitted by the 20th of each month.

Dave Voyles reported that there is a Bee City USA committee meeting scheduled for January 22.

Dennis Wiehl reported that the Smart Growth Committee was meeting following the CPAC meeting.

In staff updates, Samantha Yager reported that we are in leaf season, and right now, they're on schedule. When asked which commodity was bringing in the most money these days, she said white goods, which the City picks up by special appointment.

Mary Pat reminded members that the 2026 Earth Day Climate Action Fair was scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be affiliated with Soda City in that the Washington Street intersection will be closed to make room for the festivities, which should boost participation from "Soda Citizens." The Action Fair committee is meeting on Monday, January 12 to confirm plans.

Julie Seels mentioned that she is holding a "Sustainable Professionals Meeting on April 15 at 2145 Marion Street. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and will include refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.