



Climate Action Steering Committee

Meeting #2 Summary - DRAFT

April 26, 2021, 3:00-5:00 PM

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Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, & Public Comments</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the agenda .</p> <p>Vice Chair Menser, moved, seconded by Committee Member Pratt, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved. <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 2 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Thad Curtz:</i> Mr. Curtz provided a written comment regarding current laws governing electric vehicle chargers. He feels this topic was previously covered and feels there is currently no need for a White Paper.</p> <p><i>Tom Crawford:</i> Mr. Crawford, Chair of the Thurston Climate Action Team, announced they hired a new Executive Director, Melinda Hughes. Ms. Hughes comes with a lot of experience including environmental issues, running non-profit organizations, and fund raising. Mr. Crawford advised this will be very valuable to the Committee moving forward. Ms. Hughes’ start date is May 10, 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Crawford advised starting in May a new round of the Chrysalis Project will result in a mural in downtown Olympia which includes community collaboration and participation. Mr. Crawford will update the Committee at the May 24, 2021, meeting.</p>



2. Committee Business	<p>TRPC Senior Planner Allison Osterberg led the discussion for Task 3 – Policy Research Support Options (White Papers). The discussion focused on potential policy tops for four planned research documents (White Papers) which were identified at the March 22, 2021, meeting. Ms. Osterberg advised that staff is looking for a decision from the Steering Committee on the topics of the White Papers. The topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Energy efficiency for residential buildings2. Electric vehicle ready infrastructure3. Equitable climate outreach and engagement4. Regional program for carbon sequestration (already approved by CASC) <p>Chair Parshley called for a motion to approve the topics of the White Papers.</p> <p>Committee Member Pratt moved, seconded by Vice Chair Menser, to approve Energy Efficiency for Residential Buildings, and Regional Program for Carbon Sequestration White Papers, as well as leaving a space down the road for another White Paper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion carried. <p>Due to time constraints, TRPC Senior Planner Allison Osterberg will follow up via email for agenda item 2b – Phase 3 Project Expectations.</p>
3. Standing Agenda Items	<p>TRPC Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst provided an update on the 2021 Legislative Session relating to Climate Mitigation in Thurston County.</p> <p>Due to lack of content, agenda item 3b – Grant & Other Funding Opportunities - was not addressed.</p> <p>Members shared progress on implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and other relevant topics.</p>
4. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.



Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia
Pamela Braff – City of Olympia
Yen Huynh – City of Olympia Councilmember
Pete Kmet – Mayor of Tumwater
Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey

Jessica Brandt – City of Lacey
Jennica Machado – Thurston County
Tye Menser – Thurston County Commissioner
Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater

Public Present Online:

Thad Curtz
Tom Crawford
Wayne Olsen
Reni Storm #PCO #179
Matthew Mauer
Jeff Miller

Paul Berendt
Kim Merillo
Joel Hansen
Chris Hawkins
Melinda Hughes
Lisa Ceazan

Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Marc Daily, Executive Director
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting: May 24th, 2021, 3-5:00 PM

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