



Climate Action Steering Committee

Meeting #6 Summary

August 23, 2021, 3:00-5:00 PM

Link to packet and presentations:

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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 3:01 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>Committee Member Pratt, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved. <p>Committee Member Menser, moved, seconded by Committee Member Pratt, to approve the July 26, 2021, amended meeting summary with Pamela Braff’s changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s July 26, 2021, meeting summary with Pamela Braff’s changes is approved. <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 4 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Thad Curtz:</i> Would like you to create a work group where stakeholders with technical expertise develop detailed implementation plans, review progress, and make recommendations for updates. You can’t be expected to have enough expertise or time to develop a detailed plan. Doesn’t think we need to build any more community support for climate action – we need to focus our resources on getting things in the plan done.</p> <p><i>Melinda Hughes:</i> TCAT soon to be adding two new Action groups, one on Food and Ag and one focused on Art and Climate Change.</p>



	<p>Exploring new ways to help promote C-PACER program and talking with folks from Whatcom County.</p> <p>Fundraising Updates: people can donate a vehicle or boat and TCAT retains most of the donation profit and also just secured a \$100,000 grant over a 2-year period to continue work they are doing.</p> <p>Upcoming events: Climate Justice mural – the painting will take place Sept 4-5th. TCAT picnic – Sept 2 at Lions Park 5:30, following the CDC masks are enforced regardless of vaccination status. Earth Gives Oct 7th. TCAT is hosting a discussion on the Rights of Nature in September.</p> <p><i>Karen Messmer:</i> Echo and support Thad’s comments about the workgroups and there are plenty of volunteers in the community who have a lot of expertise and are ready to implement this plan.</p> <p><i>Tom Crawford:</i> Due to poor connection Tom’s written comment is shown below: Here are the points I intended to raise in my verbal comments Monday:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide funds to hire a consultant this fall to complete work on a more detailed schedule, costs, and benefits for the TCMP actions. You might use part of the funds each jurisdiction has already set aside for 2021.2. Make detailed information of the TCMP work and results available to the public.3. Continue aggressive work on actions while you're doing planning work.4. Invite representatives of key community sectors to be non-voting members of the steering committee5. Provide funds in your Phase 4 budget for TCAT to continue its work on the GHG inventory.
<p>2a. Long Term Governance Agreement 2b. Phase 3 ILA Task Status Update</p>	<p>Allison Osterberg, TRPC, asked for the Committee’s input on aspects of the Long-Term Governance Agreement. At a previous meeting, the committee approved the purpose and goals of the agreement. The committee provided feedback on public outreach options, group membership, what types of groups to convene and how often, and funding models. They supported having basic, centralized public outreach, an annual public forum for elected officials, a limited scope advisory committee that would meet a few times a year, and a budget set aside for the Steering Committee to convene topic-specific work groups, if needed.</p>



	<p>The Climate Action Steering Committee discussed bimonthly, monthly, quarterly meetings, and decided to stay monthly for at least the next year, and maintain virtual meetings, with an option to meet occasionally in person. The members also supported a funding model that would distribute the cost of the agreement equally among the partners.</p> <p>TRPC will use input to develop draft scope for a Longer-term agreement with approximate costs for the September meeting. Goal is to have final agreement in November.</p>
<p>3. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS 3a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing</p>	<p>City of Lacey – Planning commission is working to adopt the climate plan into the comprehensive plan. On track to come to council in October.</p> <p>Thurston County – In past two months county passed the C-PACER ordinance. Went through the Capital Improvement Plan and looked at projects for charging sites. Budget is coming up put staffing placeholder for a Climate manager position. County will hold a Public outreach event with an overview of the plan on September 20th – planned for in-person at the courthouse, but may be over zoom.</p> <p>City of Tumwater – Waiting for new position. Public hearing on the 2021 plan and policy amendments for the Climate Mitigation Plan and using it as a springboard for regulations.</p> <p>City of Olympia – Land use and environment committee heard from staff and will look into an electrification and retro fit policy. Staff climate action team launched. Olympia received 2 grants to improve walking/biking conditions. Two community solar projects underway: one at Farmers Market and one at Olympia center.</p> <p>In person meetings still on hold due to Covid-19 – Cases are higher than they have ever been. Hospitals have reached a critical level.</p>
<p>3b. Legislative Updates</p>	<p>Karen Parkhurst, TRPC - Forming a subcommittee to look at legislative priorities at TRPC and TPB meetings in September.</p>
<p>3c. Grant & Other Funding Opportunities</p>	<p>No Updated</p>
<p>4. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.</p>



Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia, and Chair
Pamela Braff – City of Olympia staff
Yen Huynh – City of Olympia alternate
Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey representative
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey alternate
Jessica Brandt – City of Lacey staff

Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater representative
Tye Menser, Thurston County
Jennica Machado, Thurston County staff
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater staff
Pete Kmet – City of Tumwater

Public Present Online:

Thad Curtz
Tom Crawford
Jenn Bass
Randy Young
Joel Hansen
Amy Tousley
Jeffery Miller
Karen Messmer

Melinda Hughes
Brandon Capps
Wayne Olsen
Kim Murillo
Steven Byers
Trevor Justin
Joseph Cosare

Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Marc Daily, Executive Director
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant
Dorinda Merrill, Office Assistant III
Karen Parkhurst, Planning and Policy Director
Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner

Next Meeting: September 27, 2021, 3-5:00 PM

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