



## Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting #3 Summary - DRAFT May 24, 2021, 3:00-5:00 PM

Link to packet and presentations:

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Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, &amp; 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"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Pratt, to approve the April 26, 2021, meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s April 26, 2021, meeting minutes is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 2 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Jeff Miller:</i> Mr. Miller inquired if the Steering Committee would have a future meeting which will invite stakeholders to present on what services they can provide to meet the Climate Mitigation goals.</p> <p><i>Tom Crawford:</i> Citizen Tom Crawford commented on the issues with availability of electric vehicle (EV) mechanics. Mr. Crawford advised that manufacturers don’t allow dealers to sale electric vehicles unless they have mechanics that have taken their EV training programs. Mr. Crawford stated there are only two EV mechanics currently in Olympia.</p>



	<p>Mr. Crawford, as Chair of the Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT), provided a written report on the Thurston Climate Action Team’s recent activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Facilitated agreement among realtors, builders, financial institutions and others on requiring energy audits at point of sale or remodel. This is now ready for drafting ordinance language.</li> <li>II. Worked with county staff to obtain Commissioners’ agreement to develop an ordinance authorizing Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience (CPACER) in Thurston County.</li> <li>III. Preparing for Chrysalis Project workshops to paint a mural in downtown Olympia</li> <li>IV. Supporting Squaxin Island Tribe in completing a climate change internship funding proposal.</li> <li>V. Working with various Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) groups in Thurston County on an EPA Climate Justice funding proposal.</li> <li>VI. Encouraged Lacey residents to participate in city survey and public hearing on the Thurston County Mitigation Plan (TCMP).</li> </ul>
<p>2. Thurston County Action Team (TCAT) Energy Efficiency Program</p>	<p>Tom Crawford, Chair of the Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT), and Chris van Daalen, member of TCAT, briefed the Steering Committee on a TCAT Energy Efficiency Program Design proposal.</p> <p>The proposal includes a county-wide energy efficiency program which would advance the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Priority Actions, complement work on the Housing White Paper, benefit low-income and people of color, and build community partnerships.</p> <p>Mr. Daalen requested that the Steering Committee agree to advance the TCAT Energy Efficiency Program Design proposal to work in tandem with, and support, the Housing White Paper.</p> <p>There was discussion on next steps. Vice Chair Menser advised that the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) put aside funding last summer for the TCAT Energy Efficiency Program based on a contingency that the other jurisdiction would contribute funding. At the time, the other jurisdictions were unable to commit.</p>



	<p>TCAT went back to the BOCC in the fall and requested the BOCC release the funds that were committed in the summer to start the design process. The BOCC agreed if the other jurisdictions would guarantee funding when it was time to launch the program. At that time, not all the other jurisdictions were able to make that commitment as well.</p> <p>Some members of the Steering Committee advised they would need to go back to their jurisdictions to have a conversation to see if they will be able to commit, and if so, the timeline due to budget constraints.</p> <p>TRPC Senior Planner Allison Osterberg advised that there will be more discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting.</p>
3. Committee Business	<p>TRPC Senior Planner Allison Osterberg led the discussion for Long Term Governance Agreement Options. One of the deliverables under the Phase 3 Interlocal Agreement is to develop a long-term governance agreement to support a coordinated regional approach to climate mitigation. A draft of the agreement will come before the Steering Committee in August or September, with the final agreement in November.</p> <p>TRPC staff has started to look at different models that others are doing for multi-jurisdiction climate collaboration efforts. Ms. Osterberg provided different options that others are doing. Today's discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goals/purpose</li><li>• Oversight committee</li><li>• Role of public and private partners</li></ul>
4. Standing Agenda Items	<p>Members shared progress on implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and other relevant topics.</p> <p>Members discuss the process for letters of support.</p> <p>There were no legislative updates.</p>
5. Adjourn	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.</p>



## Meeting Attendance

### Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia, and Chair  
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  
Tye Menser – Thurston County Commissioner,  
and Vice Chair  
Eileen Swarhout – City of Tumwater  
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater

### Public Present Online:

Thad Curtz  
Tom Crawford  
Wendy Couture  
Matthew Mauer  
Jeff Miller

Chris van Daalen  
Paul Berendt  
Melinda Hughes  
Wayne Olsen

### Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner  
Marc Daily, Executive Director  
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant  
Dave Read, IT Manager

**Next Meeting:** June 28, 2021, 3-5:00 PM

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