

Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

Mission:

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change



Committee Members:

- Members:** Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Hank Landau
Todd Cloutier, Bob Freeman, Jeremy Grisham, Brian Potter,
Cynthia Pruitt, Laura Spehar, Rebecca Wolfe
- City Staff:** Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller,
Rob Chave, Jen Machuga, Jim Stevens, Linda Carl

Meeting Agenda

March 4, 2010

1. Introductions of new committee members	Gary
2. Presentation of plaque to Wayne Grotheer	Gary
3. Reusable bag subcommittee report	Subcommittee
4. Climate Conversation – Earth Day, April 22, 2010	Bob F.
5. Update on Climate Action Plan	Subcommittee
6. Miscellaneous	All
7. Next meeting date – 9 a.m., April 1	

Meeting Notes

February 4, 2010

1. Intro of seven new committee members

We briefly went around the table and the new members introduced themselves. (Bob Freeman and Jeremy Grisham were unable to attend.)

2. Reusable bag subcommittee report

The subcommittee is working on getting the campaign up and running. They're sponsoring a poster contest for local middle- and high-schoolers. Submission requirements should be available next week. They would like to select a winner by Earth Day. The subcommittee will meet today to review guidelines. They are also working on a website to encourage use of reusable bags; Strom is working with the City's IT department. Brian suggested a survey to find out what people are using plastic bags for so that we can determine how to counter their concerns and suggest other options. Richard's daughter wrote an article for the January 27 Enterprise regarding the wonder of reusable bags; she now is on the subcommittee. The subcommittee continues to work on developing a green logo.

2. Climate Conversation – Earth Day, April 22

Steve reported that Justus Stewart of ICLEI will speak primarily about the City's Climate Action Plan. Janice wants to make sure that Sustainable Edmonds is noted as a sponsor. Steve would like to structure the Climate Conversation to engage citizens and begin brainstorming ways to implement the CAP. Hank expressed a concern that the City's 2012 goal is likely unattainable due to annexations. He would like to see it written into the goal and adjusted

accordingly. The committee expressed a desire to be consistent with what other communities are doing and mentioned asking ICLEI for guidance.

3. Update on draft Climate Action Plan

Steve reviewed how the CAP came about and the subcommittee's work on the plan. The goal is to get a resolution of support from the City Council and then have it integrated as a new part of the City's Comp Plan sustainability element. Strom mentioned that this is the "spine" of the sustainability element and that pieces of the CAP may become ordinances in the future.

Brian asked about bike racks in the city, and Hank mentioned that there are a few around, thanks to the Edmonds Bike Club donating money to the City for that purpose. Strom mentioned that the Council is addressing downtown parking issues at their retreat this Friday and Saturday.

Brian has connections to the forest industry for urban forests and the right tree/right place. He indicated that statistics show that a tree that belongs to someone has a higher chance of survival. Strom mentioned that trees are another issue that the Council will discuss at their retreat. Cynthia has worked on tree ordinances in Redmond. Steve mentioned that the Floretum Garden Club is working on developing neighborhood P-patches.

The CAP will be presented to the Planning Board next week. Rob invited subcommittee members to be there, if possible.

Hank suggested that the City think about increasing taxes on GHG-promoting items and reducing taxes on sales or property taxes. Tax "bads," not "goods." Strom mentioned that there are several bills in Olympia right now addressing this topic. Legislators are also considering taxing pesticides.

We can encourage no-idling zones in the ferry holding lanes; however, because this is State-owned, we can't enforce it. We can, however, enforce no idling zones in downtown Edmonds.

The committee then reviewed the CAP and offered edits and changes. Linda will make the agreed-upon changes for the final version. Cynthia gave kudos to the committee on their work on the CAP. ***She moved to approve the plan with today's changes. Strom seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.***

4. Miscellaneous

Laura: The PBS series, "Going to Green," is available at the library. WSU has a grant for seeing how much your home electricity usage is. Please contact her if you'd like more information.

Todd: The UW is working on a meter that can plug into one spot and read all the electrical, water, and gas usage in your home. They may need a test community.