

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:** Richard Bisbee, Jeannie Blair, Carolyn Chapel, Howard Chermak, Bob, Freeman, Wes Gallagher, Hank Landau, Todd Cloutier, Linda Lyshall, Cynthia Pruitt, Laura Spehar, Rebecca Wolfe
- City Staff:** Mayor Dave Earling, Rob Chave, Stephen Clifton, Steve Fisher, Carolyn LaFave, Jen Machuga, Strom Peterson, Jim Stevens, Phil Williams

Meeting Agenda

June 7, 2012

1. Announcements	Mayor Earling
2. Electric car charging station presentation	Jim Stevens
3. Action item small groups: confirmation of group members; appoint chairs; reporting timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Promoting energy efficiency b. Outreach, reporting, shop local c. Incentives development 	Carolyn LaFave
4. Next meeting date – 9 a.m., July 5, 2012	

Meeting Minutes May 3, 2012

Attendees: Janice Freeman, Robert Freeman, Richard Bisbee, Carolyn Chapel, Steve Fisher, Hank Landau, Rob Chave, Jen Machuga, Cynthia Pruitt, Laura Spehar, Jim Stevens, Dave Earling, Carolyn LaFave

1. Rob presented list of action items for prioritization and asked for discussion before we voted
 - a. Janice asked to have coal trains added to the list. Rob explained that it really didn't fit in the action item list but that committee members who are working on the issue should continue to do so and report back to group. All the items on the list are related to the Climate Action Plan
 - b. Cynthia would like to have us incorporate the Edmonds New energy Cities Action Plan (more information at this link <http://www.edmondswa.gov/services/sustainability/energy-conservation/energy-planning.html>) into our plan
 - c. Rob felt we should be working on something that had been discussed previously but wasn't on the list: incentives to encourage sustainability, such as incentives built into codes and the permitting process which would encourage people if they are building green and energy efficient projects. He requested that we add incentives to the **economy/outreach** category on our action item list.
 - d. Laura expressed concern that there has not been a lot emphasis placed on the **economy/outreach** category

- e. Hank asked what happened to the scorecard. Rob explained that it really hasn't been created yet but it needs to be done.
 - f. Carolyn Chapel feels that in one category we have gone backward, transportation, specifically Community Transit. Routes have been reduced and there is still not service on Sunday, and there is limited availability of routes.
 - i. Rob said that there are potential things we can do regarding this one of which is you can lobby for service in our area
 - g. Bob thinks that we should integrate approved terms, such as the complete streets concept, into our plan.
 - h. Janice asked that we incorporate the parking situation @ the train station into our plan
 - i. Hank thinks we should be looking at the true cost of what each of these items costs, i.e., true cost of using a vehicle and, wherever we can, interject it into the conversation. This would at least allow us to have better arguments for our proposals that are green.
 - j. Jim stated that March has been the best month so far for the charge stations. He will provide information to group at the next meeting.
 - k. Richard said we need more reporting and accumulation of activity on the website. Better and more communication needs to happen.
2. Rob explained that everyone would get 4 votes each to vote for their 4 highest priorities. (Action item list and tallied votes attached). Committee decided to work in small groups on their top priorities
- a. Promoting energy efficiency team – Janice Freeman, Carolyn Chapel, Bob Freeman, and Jim Stevens.
 - b. Outreach & reporting team, which will also include local purchasing – Richard Bisbee, Laura Spehar, Cynthia Pruitt, and Steve Fisher
 - c. Development of incentives team – Jen Machuga, Steve Fisher, and Rob Chave
 - d. It was also agreed that individual members would continue to work on their individual priorities, in addition to what the sub-groups are working on. Mayor Earling summarized the action item process with, “Small things have big impact. Don't think big projects are the only way to score”. He encouraged committee members to write a letter (specifically referring to the parking situation at the train station) to voice their opinions. Carolyn Chapel took the lead on this issue and said she would work with Mayor Earling to write a letter to Sound Transit from the committee regarding the parking problem. Mayor Earling also invited all committee members to attend the Strategic Planning and Visioning open house later that day in the Plaza Room.
 - e. Cynthia requested we be mindful of committee members who aren't here. It was decided that Carolyn LaFave would send out a notice to committee members who were unable to attend to: 1) Have them sign-up for one of the action item small groups 2) See if they still have an interest in the committee
3. Member reports
- a. Cynthia would like to know, since we are a city committee, what are comfortable boundaries to what the group can do or take action on?
 - b. Laura passed around information of on the upcoming Carbon Masters program WSU is putting on, and a copy of one of the City of Oak Harbor's video series. She also reported that starting in June, on the last Thursday of the month, the Parks Dept. along with EBWH will be hosting speakers and the events will be videotaped.
 - c. Bob commented on last month's presentation of the AWC award application saying he was “elated about all the work that has been done and how it was summarized”. Bob also commented on the Earth Day fair that Steve Fisher participated in. He feels we should create a display or exhibit that we can use at these types of events showing all the green progress the City has made.

- d. Richard reported that the coal train scoping that was scheduled to take place in May will probably be in June. This scoping will provide an opportunity for community comments. Richard will send out an email to committee members once the scoping has been rescheduled.