

## 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, Rebecca Wolfe, Valerie Stewart
- City Staff:** Mayor Dave Earling, Rob Chave, Stephen Clifton, Steve Fisher, Carolyn LaFave, Jen Machuga, Strom Peterson, Jim Stevens, Phil Williams

### Meeting Agenda

**December 6, 2012 @ 9 am**

1. Approval of November 8, 2012 meeting minutes	
2. The Story of Community Works, 20/20 Refit Challenge and Energy Retrofit Programs around the State	Val Stewart
3. Subcommittee common themes & next steps reports	
4. Earth Day 2013	Bob Freeman
5. Next meeting date – January 10, 2013 ( <i>note date change</i> ) @ 9 am in the Fournier Room. <b>PUD Presentation</b>	

### Meeting Minutes November 8, 2012

**Attendees:** Janice Freeman, Bob Freeman, Carolyn Chapel, Jen Machuga, Hank Landau, Rob Chave, Howard Chermak, Jim Stevens, Cynthia Pruitt, and Carolyn LaFave

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes approved by consensus

### CPC Student Representative

1. Carolyn LaFave discussed student rep. application process. She and Steve Fisher are working on the application and overview letter. Once done they will be sent to the committee for review. After review process Carolyn will upload application to web, send press release, and disseminate the application to appropriate schools. Carolyn Chapel recommended that we target the science teachers at the schools for dissemination of this information.

### PUD / PSE Presentation

1. Carolyn LaFave discussed where we are at with having PUD and PSE presentations to the group. At this time only PUD has responded and they are on board for the January or February meeting. Group decided January meeting would be best. Cynthia Pruitt asked if we would consider change the meeting from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn LaFave will poll the group, check with PUD, and check to see if Brackett Room is available and will get back to committee with results. It was asked if we would need to have the Clerk's Office post a meeting change notice. Carolyn L. will

check with Sandy Chase to see if this is necessary. Since Carolyn had not heard back from PSE Jim Stevens said he would provide the name of his business rep. at PSE if needed.

### **Common Themes & Next Steps Report**

1. Jen reported for the group on the summary graphic that they had developed, which was intended to summarize some common projects and priorities that the Climate Committee could focus on. They decided that coming up with a brand or overarching theme should be at the top with web content at the bottom because a theme was an over-arching need and every task involves some sort of web content. In the middle is a compilation of tasks from the subgroups. Each task was provided a number which represents the relative ease of the task, with 1 representing the easiest and 5 being the most difficult or time consuming. Rob explained that the idea is to start with the very easy tasks and gradually start working on the harder stuff. Cynthia Pruitt asked if this is a recommended consensus of what all the subcommittees are working on, i.e., this is the plan moving forward? Rob said that is how he sees it. If the committee agrees on this plan and which tasks to work on then subcommittees can be separated out into task groups to start working on the tasks. Rob said he thinks the existing subcommittees could be superseded by these new working groups. Jim Stevens emphasized that tasks can be tackled in any order but they recommend starting with easiest and progressing to harder tasks. Carolyn Chapel complimented the group for their work. She said she felt all of the original tasks seemed overwhelming so this process seems more doable. Hank questioned why “success stories” was placed in the right-hand column instead of in the left-hand column. Jen said it could really go in either. Rob said their thinking was that the right-hand column includes people and not just businesses, but agreed that it could be a very important component of the green business task. Hank also asked what the magnitude of “managing the revolving energy fund” is. Rob said that Snohomish County already has something set-up but it is lacking a local component. There needs to be a push at local level. Bob Freeman said there are a lot of different approaches across the nation that have been successful and it might be a good idea for us to do a survey about what's been successful. Rob said we need to encourage local non-profits to get involved. He went on to say that there is already a revolving energy fund set-up with a local bank but the public just needs to be educated. There is no-one telling people the money is available and we can help you access it. A good start might be to find out who's doing what. Cynthia felt the group did a great synthesis of all the information. There are a couple of things the outreach subcommittee thought were good to do and she is happy to go forward with those items in the this new plan and we can dissolve the original subcommittee. Janice feels there is flexibility with the plan and if no-one wants to work on certain items in the plan than maybe it's probably not a priority. Rob said he feels it's important to complete the easier tasks, claim success, and build on it. Jen said that if people are happy with plan then groups could start working on specific tasks. Rob said he would work on fast track permits and will try to get Val Stewart to work on it as well. Carolyn Chapel said she is especially interested in codes for multiple dwellings. She would like to see the “fast track permitting” group focus on integrating a few easy items into this process so we can try to get more buildings on-board. Cynthia said she has a system that builds on itself for collecting success stories and she is meeting with Steve and Richard tomorrow to discuss. Jim and Hank volunteered to help with this process. Howard will work on fast-track permitting. The Freemans are interested in changing and updating the codes which is not in the plan but they would like to see it kept on the back burner. Hank suggested that maybe they could bring it to the forefront in the spring. Rob emphasized that we are not discarding all the stuff the subcommittees have already worked on. Howard said that compiling success stories will tell us how it worked in the real world, what they did and how did it work out. Once we know this we can look at streamlining and simplifying the process, possibly without code changes, which would be an easier task. Hank said the discussion brings to mind all the stuff that city, planning board, everyone else is doing. Rob agreed and said

it's important to have periodic updates about what else is going on throughout the city. It would be good to get reports from the different groups, i.e., fleet management on propane conversion and payback; these accomplishments should factor into our success stories.

### **Committee Member Comments**

1. Hank said he has been reflecting on the East coast storm and thinking it should be a catalyst for local government to get involved because municipalities along the east coast will have to make concessions to their infrastructures and they will be looking to get funds for this and he feels it should come from a carbon tax. Hank would like to see Mayor Earling and other Mayors follow-up on what's going on back east and look at the west coast promoting a carbon tax. He would like to discuss this idea at the next meeting the Mayor is able to attend. Janice agreed and thinks we need to eventually start working on long-term issues like not building on the waterfront and changing the building codes regarding this. Cynthia said she would love to talk about this strategy, and would like to keep the thread going.
2. Cynthia asked if we want to officially say that our subcommittees are sun setting out and morphing into the new plan. Rob said yes but also said if your subcommittee has a particular task they are working on by all means continue working on it.
3. Jim reported that the "promoting energy efficiency" subcommittee hasn't met again because they were waiting to see what came out of the "common themes and next steps" subcommittee. He also updated the group on the ESCO investment grade audit project. We should have information back by December so we can take to Council and move forward. January 15, 2013 by is cutoff for submitting for grant.
4. Cynthia requested that a large visual be made of the action plan graph for display at meetings.
5. Bob recommended we follow-up and support any group that is planning to have an Earth Day event. We should start meeting in January.
6. Carolyn Chapel said flooding is going to come and she would like to see some money or energy put into limiting carbon output.
7. Hank reported on the bicycle program. He said is has been integrated into a program managed by school district called Creating Community Connections which promotes children's health and has been funded by Verdant Health Commission and the Hazel Miller Foundation. Howard followed this up by saying if we can find a connection between health and energy savings VERDANT has a tremendous amount of money to promote health. If we find a way to connect in with their mission there is a good possibility of getting some fund. Hank said he sees a definite health connection related to older citizens and energy efficiency. Cynthia said she would like to nominate herself to look into this. Janice said she sees a real health connection to growing your own vegetables as well. Hank said that Cynthia should contact Steve Kaiser at Swedish as he is the liaison.