

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

April 4, 2013 @ 9 am

1. Subcommittee Reports	
2. Member Comments	
3. Next meeting date – May 2, 2013 @ 9 am, Brackett Room	

Meeting Minutes March 7, 2013

Attendees: Howard Chermak, Val Stewart, Robert Freeman, Janice Freeman, Rebecca Wolfe, Cynthia Pruitt, Jen Machuga, Steve Fisher, Jim Stevens, and Rob Chave

Guests: Jackson Taylor, Energy Efficiency Outreach Coordinator, Puget Sound Energy

Subcommittee & Member Reports

Cynthia Pruitt summarized the interview that she and Jim Stevens conducted of Steve Bernheim regarding his experience with making energy improvements to his home and office. Mr. Bernheim installed solar panels at his home, which eliminated his electricity bill. He uses a bicycle or electric vehicle whenever possible in order to decrease his dependency on foreign oil. Mr. Bernheim participated in the free energy audits offered by Sustainable Works for his home and office. Cynthia and Jim provided a copy of the interview to the group and commented that they would like to put a synopsis of their interview in the City's newsletter as a success story. They plan to conduct another interview or two in the next month.

Rebecca Wolfe commented that she has been teaching English as a second language and has been using writings on environmental issues for her lessons.

Val Stewart shared her thoughts about moving forward with Sustainable Works. There has been reluctance from the group to partner with Sustainable Works because of the bad experiences that some members of the group had with the audits and energy efficiency upgrades made at their homes. Val suggested working with Eco-Schools instead of Sustainable Works. Eco-Schools provides audits for schools in topics such as energy, transportation, etc. Schools can choose what area they want to focus on.

Puget Sound Energy Presentation

Jackson Taylor, Energy Efficiency Outreach Coordinator, with Puget Sound Energy made a Power Point presentation to the group. Mr. Taylor discussed PSE's commitment to energy efficiency and described some of PSE's renewable energy sources. He described the increased efficiency of using natural gas when compared to electricity. Mr. Taylor also described PSE's Carbon Balance program and explained that PSE does not currently have a program for new multi-family buildings because such programs are not cost-effective for PSE.

Miscellaneous

Bob Freeman provided the group with a few copies to share of the EPA's book on Climate Change Indicators in the U.S., 2012.

Steve Fisher mentioned the free electronics recycling event to be held at Edmonds Community College on March 16, 2013.