

## 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:** Howard Chermak, Bob, Freeman, Wes Gallagher, Hank Landau, Cynthia Pruitt, Rebecca Wolfe, Valerie Stewart
- City Staff:** Mayor Dave Earling, Rob Chave, Steve Fisher, Carolyn LaFave, Jen Machuga, Jim Stevens

### **Meeting Agenda**

**January 9, 2014 @ 9 am**

1. Review and approve minutes	5 Minutes
2. Earth Day awards/ideas	
3. Review of accomplishments 2013	
4. Looking forward to 2014; designate target projects via Strategic Plan/Climate Action Plan, etc.	
5. Elections	
6. Sub-Committee Reports	5 Minutes

### **Meeting Minutes December 5, 2013**

**Attendees:** Rob Chave, Jen Machuga, Howard Chermak, Steve Fisher, Cynthia Pruitt, Janice Freeman, Robert Freeman, Val Stewart, Jim Stevens, Carolyn LaFave, Mayor Earling

Meeting was called to order @ 9:05 am

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

1. Meeting minutes of November 7 were approved with no changes

### **NW Seed Project Follow-Up**

1. Discussed what our logical next steps should be. It was decided there is not much we can do at this time until we know whether or not we are receiving a grant. Rob suggested that we could at least get an idea if anyone is interested in volunteering. Robert Freeman said that Chris Herman is down in Olympia putting pressure on the dept. of rev to get it right in setting up programs for taxing solar installations. He seems to be getting some good results. Cynthia said she wants to support this program and that she sees our role as a being a warehouse of information or community contact. Val feels same way. Beyond that it would be great if individuals from the group would like to participate with the process but that would be left up to them. Group decided

that once we get a grant we will push what the volunteer needs are. Rob said the City cannot participate in the selection of contractors so we would need volunteers. Eric Teegarden and Howard Chermak were recommended.

### **What Have We Done?**

1. Val discussed providing a report to the council. She asked if this has been done in the past. Recollection was that it had but it has been several years.
2. Val presented the outline of priorities and asked everyone to write-down projects that have been done throughout the year and prior years. An interactive activity enabled committee members to post these projects on a large chart. ***Please see attached breakdown of accomplishments and photo.***

### **Earth Day Award Ideas**

1. Item was tabled

### **Roles and Future of Committee**

1. Val reported that she is unable to continue as chair in 2014 and asked the group to think about who might replace her.
2. Group discussed moving the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to January 9<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn will find room and notice change of date for meeting.
3. Val asked about the meeting schedule of the group. If they would like to continue to meet monthly or go to bi-monthly. Discussion ensued. Motion was made to go to full committee meetings on odd months and sub-committee meetings on even months with additional sub-committee meetings as needed. Cynthia seconded the motion; vote was taken with all in favor of moving to this new schedule.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

1. Outreach committee continuing to work on success stories.
2. Incentive committee still waiting for the review of the City of Kirkland's audit of their green business program. Time is short so they don't think they will have an official program in place by Earth Day 2014 so are thinking about starting with an Earth Day business pledge.

### **Announcements**

1. Steve reminded everyone that Michael Foster will possibly be doing a presentation at the January 2nd Tree Board meeting.
2. Val asked the group to be thinking about leadership so we can discuss it at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:02 am