

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:

Citizens: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallaughner, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau, Ben Hines
Planning Board: Janice Freeman
City Staff: Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Linda Carl

Meeting Agenda

July 5, 2007

1. ESD construction projects	Superintendent Nick Brossoit and Director of Capital Projects Ed Peters
2. RM zones & green development	Rob Chave, Planning Mgr.
3. Bicycle-friendly roads	Steve B.
4. Transportation Choices Coalition	Rob Johnson
5. September 22 – International Car Free Day	Steve B.
6. Miscellaneous	All
7. Confirm next month’s meeting date – Thursday, Aug. 2	All

Meeting Notes

June 7, 2007

Present: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Janice Freeman, Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Linda Carl
Absent: Wes Gallaughner, Wayne Grotheer, Ben Hines, Hank Landau
Also attending: Bob Freeman, David Kaufer, Miriam Doyle, Ruth Arista

1. Staff GHG committee report

Steve F. provided a preliminary report of data for the City’s greenhouse gas emissions that has been collected so far for 2006. The information is provided two ways: by source (buildings, vehicles, streetlights, etc.) and a summary bar chart. He also broke down the building and city fleet energy usage into percentages for 2006. The wastewater treatment plant is our biggest energy user, with half the plant’s product coming from Edmonds residents. City vehicles also use a significant amount of energy. Dave Sittauer, the City’s fleet manager, is currently researching the cost of switching to hybrids for emergency and non-emergency vehicles.

Steve F. distributed dollar-off coupons from PUD for energy-saving lightbulbs. Coupons are available in the lobby of City Hall. The committee suggested reminding citizens about the coupons in the next City newsletter. Bob mentioned that dimmable flood lights are available for approximately \$12 each. Gary suggested we research if there are PUD coupons for floodlights as

well. Steve F. mentioned that PUD's website contains a calculator to check your home's energy savings.

2. Proposed business assistance program & green certification program

Steve B. reported that Hank and Wes have discovered a guide for the business sector, which they have shared with several Chamber members already. The guide contains seven steps to reducing energy consumption, which begins with awareness. Steve also distributed a list of suggestions from Hank and Wes on how to implement the steps in Edmonds.

David indicated that he's working on an online community for sustainability that encourages sharing information and articles. He is also working on a certification program for green buildings and would like to start a pilot program in Edmonds that focuses on the benefits to the company (efficiency, savings, marketing).

3. Sustainable cities program

"Sustainable Ballard" is a grassroots effort to spread the word to other communities. On June 16 at Gasworks Park there will be an exchange of ideas about sustainability, challenges, working together, and looking into the future.

Miscellaneous

Gary participated in an ICLEI conference call on May 22. He was one of five speakers on the panel and discussed staff and citizens involvement. A representative from the City of Everett was a listener and mentioned that they are developing green-building guidelines; they will share the information with us when it's available. Gary plans to give a report on this committee to the City Council on June 26, and has written a column for the Edmonds Beacon regarding The Low-Carbon Diet book.

Gary contacted Nick Brossoit, ESC superintendent, and asked if he could send representatives from the district to our meetings in order to update us on what the district is doing in this area.

Carolyn mentioned that KC Golden is speaking at a Seattle Chamber of Commerce meeting this Monday.

Bob Freeman mentioned that Sno-Isle library is offering to show Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth."

Ruth Arista (she and her husband own Arista's Wine Cellars) is looking into solar heat for their building on 5th Ave.