

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: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau

City Staff: Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Rob Chave, Jen Machuga, Jim Stevens, Linda Carl

Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2008

1. Draft City building policy	Rob and Jen
2. Consideration of Cascade Agenda Cities program	Rob
3. Miscellaneous	All
4. Next month's meeting date – Thursday, May 8 (second Thursday)	

Meeting Notes

March 6, 2008

Present: Carolyn Chapel, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau, Steve Bernheim, David Kaufer, Teresa Wippel, Elizabeth Stachow, Scott Schlumberger, Janice Freeman, Bob Freeman, Rebecca Wolfe, Mayor Gary Haakenson, Jen Machuga, Rob Chave, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Steve Fisher, Linda Carl

1. Discussion on low-impact development program

Rob Chave (Planning Manager) distributed a memo at the last meeting summarizing the materials he shared at the January 3 meeting regarding green-building codes and possible sustainable-building practices. He asked this committee to help prioritize the options presented in order for staff to focus on the top priorities and for all of us to have a unified approach. Committee members provided input regarding the February 21 memo in which Rob listed samples of green-building options, such as: EDAW sustainability assessment program; Built Green; LEED green-building rating system; sample ordinance for projects exceeding a specific threshold; administrative policy using SEPA to evaluate climate-change impacts (King County); and policy mandating LEED silver rating for city-funded projects (City of Seattle).

The consensus from the committee is the best place to start is to look at City codes and multifamily zones and come up with some incentives for builders to build green.

An example of this is that PCC (which is moving into the old Albertson's site) has asked the City to make some adjustments to the code to allow them to attain platinum LEED status. The topic will likely go to Council on the 18th or 25th of this month; staff will keep the committee informed of the date.

Rob will bring information regarding codes, zones, incentives, etc. to this committee in future meetings. Any recommendations or suggestions that come out of this committee will then be forwarded to the appropriate group, such as the Planning Board.

2. Approach to amending the City's comp plan re: climate issues

Rob mentioned that it's important to amend the comp plan now because the Council will likely adopt updates in the fourth quarter. He and Jen distributed a memo dated March 6 in which they propose adding a new "environmental" element in the plan, with the suggestion that this committee initiate the process by developing a draft of the new element for presentation to the Planning Board. The memo includes a flow chart of the suggested element and subsections. After some discussion, Rob indicated that he and Jen will bring back a draft of the amendment to an upcoming meeting.

Miscellaneous

Carolyn distributed a brochure of classes offered by the Creative Retirement Institute at EdCC, in which "Local Solutions to Global Warming" is listed. The class is offered on Fridays from April 25 – May 9; the cost is \$15. The Mayor and Steve Bernheim are invited speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hank indicated that the business assistance subcommittee is scheduled to speak at the Chamber luncheon on April 24.

Steve B. mentioned that chickens are allowed in Seattle and could provide some efficiencies for consumers. Gary indicated that the subject has been before the City Council in the past and it's unlikely it will come up again.

Liz Stachow has started a new column in The Edmonds Beacon called "Greenfeet" – The art of walking lightly on the planet. In it she'll provide suggestions to readers regarding green options.

David Kaufer's website (GreenForGood.com) was recently launched. He is currently working with Sustainable Edmonds on an environmental fair in Edmonds on September 13. He is also working on a business certification program.

Linda indicated that Gary will be in Japan and she will be out of the office on the day of our April meeting. Steve F. will run the meeting.

Steve F. provided data and charts to Linda to post on the City's website regarding the City's carbon output. Steve will now begin collecting community data for 1999 and 2006.

Bob Freeman indicated that the CRI class that Carolyn organized is listed on the Sustainable Edmonds website. Sustainable Edmonds has its next meeting on Thursday, March 27 at the Port of Edmonds. Cary Guenther of the Planning Board will speak on green buildings, City codes, and the comp plan. A focus group will look at sustainability indicators.