



Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting – September 28, 2023

Committee Members in Attendance: Vince Dauciunas, Kendra Smith, Janet Alderton, Luke Fincher, Chris Greacen, Adrian Kilpatrick, Jay Kimball, Barbara Marrett, Jerry Whitfield

Committee Liaisons in Attendance: Paul Andersson, Steve Bernheim

Ex-officio and County Staff: Cindy Wolf, Debbie Boyer

Members of the public/guests: Erin Halcomb

Committee Members absent: Renee Koplan, Michael Shanks

Convene meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vince Dauciunas at 5:35pm. He confirmed that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

None

Business Operations

- Approve Agenda – Jay Kimball requested that the Lopez Public Transit survey be added to the Agenda and the Committee agreed. After adding that, the Agenda was approved.
- **MOTION: Approve August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Jerry moved, and Chris seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting as presented and the motion passed.**
- Revisit liaison update schedule – Vince started the discussion on when and how the Liaisons should update the Committee on their projects. He thought, although the Committee Liaisons are welcome at each meeting, their reporting to the Committee should be more targeted to specific areas of agenda items discussion. So instead of reporting quarterly, they may be asked to present at key times for their topic as it related to the overall work. The Committee agreed and added that it is important to gather the entire Committee, including liaisons, periodically and encouraged liaisons to attend as often as they can.
- Public Representation – County Council 9/18
 - Vince reported that Kendra and Angela presented the Greenhouse Gas report to Council on 9/18 and it was released to the public. The Council commented that they would like to see the County have a “whole government” approach since this work crosses all departments.
 - Vince and Jay also spoke at the Council meeting about the plan, thanking the Council for approving funding for the report, Cascadia for producing the detail and to Kendra and Angela for their efforts. He noted the report established, for the first time, a quantitative view into the sources and magnitudes of the emissions produced in the County. He also recommended for the 2024-2025 budget that consideration be given to increasing or redirecting funding to researching, writing, applying, and securing state and federal grants, specifically targeted climate mitigation and adaptation projects.
 - Jay asked the question about Governor Inslee visiting Lopez Island in the past week or so. Cindy reported that she did talk with the Governor about ferries, the need for solutions to our ongoing

ferry issues and also spoke to him about the Opalco grant to study the feasibility of tidal generation. Discussion followed with the Committee about building new ferries and possible sources of ferries.

- Another discussion ensued about communications in the community, particularly social media and local websites, and how to ensure we're getting the correct information out to residents.
- C & S Advisory Committee Status Review
 - Vince gave a presentation showing the Greenhouse Gas report cross referenced with corresponding items with the Committee's climate action table. He talked about how this might inform priorities to proceed on. He recommended looking at how doable actions are, what the implementation plan would be, and what infrastructure is required. Vince will share the document with the committee and post on SharePoint.
 - Chris noted that recreational boating was 2nd largest contributor and asked for committee input if an action such as limiting gas/diesel rec boats to a certain size, which he mentioned could be seen as similar to the jet ski ban. Jerry noted that we'd be well served to research and analyze the situation before proposing policy, while recognizing the need to be a leader and get ahead of the problem. Kendra mentioned that the MRC is doing much of this type of analysis due to impact to marine environment. An area for good cross-pollination with MRC. Jerry volunteered to help move this effort forward.
 - Vince asked the Committee to review the Woodinville Climate Action Plan and consider SJC use it as a template, noting that the "how" was an important component of this particular plan example. Many said they had read it and agreed it would be a good starting point to flesh out the plan document. Vince suggested we could put it on SharePoint and turn on edits to work collaboratively.
 - Kendra reported that she met with the Town of Friday discussed engaging around both the development of the Climate Action Plan and the Destination Management Plan.
- How C & S Work Output is Processed
 - Vince asked how the County process works and where the committee can engage. Kendra gave an overview, sharing that action plans are typically developed as a "road map" to lay out issues, possible strategies, and key suggested actions with implementation details. For the CAP, the Comp Plan lays out policies and the action plan lays out how you put those policies into action. From there, we prioritize projects and budget decisions. Implementation ultimately gets routed internally through different departments and in the Capital Improvement Plan through the budget process, and then the work gets done.
 - She shared that the 2024-2025 Budget includes some funding for external consultants to help with this process. Vince suggested the committee might make recommendations about what areas we might get outside/contract help with. Grant funding is also available. Cindy noted that Puget Sound Partnership is releasing a tool that will allow us to search granting opportunities.
- Discussion – Next Steps
 - Vince asked for input on the Public Engagement/Outreach process; what works, who should we be talking with in preparation for the update to the Comp plan in 2025.
 - Barbara suggested Rotary, Kiwanis, Soroptimists and several others to engage. Jay added senior centers and schools.
 - Vince and Jay will be participating in the climate speaker series at the Friday Harbor Labs on October 12th. Jay to talk about the work of C&S, Vince to talk about OPALCO's renewable energy work.

- Kendra gave an update on the Destination Management Plan public engagement process so far and how it might extend moving ahead.
- Assignment of Work – Vince asked the Committee to do the following ahead of the next meeting.
 1. Review his document cross-referencing the GHG inventory and draft CAP acts for reasonableness and accuracy and make any suggestion or recommendation that you would change.
 2. Review the Woodinville Climate Action Plan, fill in areas that need to be added, change language etc. Bring forward recommendations where to fill gaps with consultant assistance.
- Transportation Survey Results – Jay reported on the Lopez Transportation Survey results. They received over 700 responses so far from both residents and visitors, with a goal of 1000. He will send the results to the Committee and thanked the Lopez Community for investing in this outreach. Vince wondered if we might be able to duplicate this effort on the other islands; possibly an early action around mobility.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 5:30pm.