

**City of Lake Forest Park
Climate Action Committee
Regular Meeting Summary
April 2, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Climate Action Committee Board Members Present:

Sarah Phillips, Miriam Bertram, Linda Holman, Tamara Erickson, Anne Udaloy, Matt Son, Brian Saunders, Jessica Côté

Staff and Others Present

Council Liaison - Tracy Furutani
Environmental and Sustainability Specialist - Cory Roche
Community Development Director - Mark Hofman

Member of the Public Present

None

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Group introduced themselves and made a comment or statement of an item/topic they heard from the Green Fair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously, no objections.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for February 29 were approved unanimously, no objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Updates on Comprehensive Planning and CAC Integration
Sarah met with subcommittees, to look over the strategies and actions to take to the planning commission on where they need to go into the comp plan from the consultant's memo. Some need to be integrated into the comp plan sections, some need their own new sections. Using existing comp plan, where in that doc could it be inserted. Like eliminating gas powered vehicles and tools, this would be a new policy. All should take a look at the document.

Mark noted the CAC's CAP is very good, different than the comp plan. Some policies will stay in there, but will be considered by Council for adoption. The Planning Commission is going through a series of special meetings to get through necessary comp plan items like housing. They have put place keepers in

there for transportation and climate. Regular meeting Tuesday will be looking at housing. Policy portion of the CAP, if Council approves, this can be drafted into the comp plan. CAP is integration and action, comp plan is planning policies. The community survey is live for the comp plan. This is based on new legislation and local vision planning completed from last year.

- Updates on Climate Action Plan
Still working on toward the final draft, an extension has been moved to April 12. Brian, Mimi, Jessica, and Sarah will work to finalize the plan. Cascadia needs to complete their edits. Anne wants access to the document to help and view.
- Town Hall April 13 – Brian will moderate. We need volunteers for this, structure is the elected officials are upfront, focus on climate and what has happened, what will happen, and incentives coming up. Nonpolitical, all are welcomed. Will need help collecting questions. Anne and Matt can join to help sort questions. Commons will do the chairs and sound set up. Will set up a small information booth with banner to bring awareness of the committee. Tracy wondered if the moderator will be acknowledge the CAC, yes.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

- Formation of a Climate Policy Advisory Team
Mark stated the City received 500k grant from Department of Commerce. Will do a climate element in addition to a comp plan. RFQ will go out in April to hire a consultant for this work. A lot of the grant will overlap with CAC's CAP. This element will include a GHG study more in depth. This is due June 2025. Looking at periodic update to be adopted in December, then turning around to do an amendment with this climate element. Formation of the climate policy advisory team will consist of volunteers in the community, working with the planning commission. Proposing to Council, a temporary task force for this climate grant. At council last week, Mark was asked to go to these different groups to talk to this. Three members of the CAC, 1 of Tree Board, Planning Commission and the public will be invited to join with a Council liaison. Most interested CAC members will be tasked to do this extra element, CAC will still move their regular work. Alternative would be planning commission be the lead and the CAC would need to find joint time to meet.
Anne stated it is everything we could ask for, collaboration of all committees that need to be involved and understand. Having the opportunity to collaborate is excellent. Agree this group has to continue to move on with actionable items. Mark noted this task force will likely last a year and a half. Bringing back April 11 to Council for hopefully approval to align with getting our RFQ out. Mark will be going to Tree Board and Planning Commission to gather input. Have not yet asked for nominations or names. Hoping they will get enough people to fill the task force.
Tracy wondered if high school members would be considered. Mark noted that normally they would be interested in having a student, but with the commitment of this outside hours, it will add to the burden of staff time, this project will need to move very quickly. Sarah stated we are supportive of this configuration.

Mark would like to move this very quickly, so hopefully we can get volunteers of who may be interested.

- Sarah noted before this grant came in, we established four sub committees: planning commission, outreach to public, legislative, presentation to council of CAP. Wants to reinstitute those committees. Council seemed very interested in this legislative items. There has been improved clarity to continue this work, looking at new ordinances. Tracy and Anne will meet with Sarah to continue this. Outreach to Council will look to be done in May. CAC will approve the CAP, present to Council after. Brain, Jessica, and Sarah will wait until we have document finalized before moving along. Outreach is Linda and Dana, right now we have the climate town hall, collaboration with north end cities is one goal. Sarah mentioned that Kenmore is doing a solarize Kenmore. They are going to let LFP residents join this project. Someone will look at your house, give you an estimate and that will be locked in for a certain amount of time. It is to help the grid reliability problem in the future. Good opportunity to get people interested and informed.
- Book club is doing two things, at home on an unruly planet, series of short essays, is at third place books. Pushing June book to be Octavia Butler book, she lived in LFP.
- Sarah mentioned she went to Council last month for the work plan and they thanked the group for their work.

ADJOURN: 8:05 P.M.