

**City of Lake Forest Park
Climate Action Committee
Regular Meeting Summary
May 7, 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, Dana Campbell

Staff and Others Present

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

Member of the Public Present

David Kleweno
Louis Spanias

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously, no objections.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for March 5 and April 2 were approved unanimously, no objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

• Climate Policy Advisory Team

City Council adopted the Climate Policy Advisory Committee, as the City was awarded 500k through the Department of Commerce to implement the climate element of the comprehensive plan in 2025. Scope of work for the committee is not in place, step one is to put task force in place. The Community Development Director, Mark, received volunteer names at the Tree Board with one backup and will be asking the Planning Commission for three volunteers, and will solicit for two members of the public to join. Sarah, Mimi, and Anne are interested in joining the committee, Jessica agreed to be an alternate.

• Final Approval of the Climate Action Plan

Group discussed the Climate Action Plan, agreed it looks great, there may be some edits to adjust down the line, like changing out pictures, some language, but this will be the final version going to Council.

Group then discussed what the focus of the presentation to Council should be when presenting the plan. Noted a key message will be that Council needs to hire someone to implement the Climate Action Plan. Noted broad goals of the plan should be called out. Presentation should remind Council we have way more to lose than other cities, like canopy coverage, watershed intact, noting climate change coming for everyone. If steps aren't made now, things will be lost. Sarah will make presentation to Council, others can join.

Once this presentation has been made to Council, they talked about other organizations they could present this to like the Stewardship Foundation, Rotary, local PTAs, and others. Talked about doing a Town Hall, maybe after the summer or at animal acres with concert in the park and be present at a few Farmers Markets.

• **Other**

CAC talked about a Youth Summit organized by Maddy Larson, for Sept/Oct. They would put together what they think is a climate action plan. Planning starts in fall and go to campus to talk to faculty advisors. Jessica also noted a mid-town salmon group, they have grant funding, for youth and adult training programs.

Brain noted that the climate town hall went well and thought the candidates did well. Sarah mentioned there were about 75 people in attendance. Anne put together a pdf of all the questions and comments. Sarah noted this was relatively easy to put together, things the CAC can move towards hosting more.

Councilmember Furutani brought up the 2117 K4C talked about at their last meeting, this will have significant impacts on environmental funding. There may be a call upon to do a town hall for this. Anne noted they would like to support in anyway as it is very important or work will not be done.

ADJOURN: 8:20 P.M.

