

Columbia Association Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee (CC&SAC)

Annual FY18 Report and Proposed FY19 Charge

Mission Statement

The mission of the Columbia Association (CA) Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee (CC&SAC) is to support CA efforts to improve the environmental sustainability of the Columbia community and its environs. The CC&SAC primarily focuses on climate change mitigation and adaptation/resiliency. However, it also addresses other environmental sustainability topics, such as waste management, water efficiency, and outdoor environmental quality. The CC&SAC will primarily work with CA and the Village Community Associations to engage residents, businesses, and other community stakeholders to advance clean energy practices to reduce the threat of climate change and advance resource conservation more broadly.

A. Committee accomplishments/discussions for FY18:

- The CA Board agreed in February 2018 to create the CC&SAC.
- Following CA's call for applicants, the CA Board decided in April 2018 to select 13 applicants to form the new committee.
- At its first organizational meeting in July 2018, the CC&SAC elected a Chair (Tim Lattimer) and Vice Chair (Michael Cornell).
- The CC&SAC also decided to organize three subcommittees to advance its work: Community Engagement (Co-Chairs: Sara Via & Chiara D'Amore), Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation (Chair, Luke Wisniewski), and Sustainability (Chair: John Klein).

B. Proposed Charge submitted for approval by the CA Board identifying items to be addressed by Committee in FY19 (Fiscal year underway) that align with the Committee's goals, CA's strategic plan and the President/CEO's goals and objectives):

- Develop a Community Engagement Plan, conduct a "listening tour" with stakeholders, formulate recommended outreach strategies to boost community awareness and engagement, and, as appropriate, recommend CA advocacy to advance Columbia's climate or sustainability interests.
- Review CA's advances to date on climate and sustainability, evaluate best practices and emerging trends/opportunities, and recommend priority actions for further CA actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance Columbia's sustainability.
- Conduct an initial vulnerability assessment of Columbia's key climate risks, perform an analysis of CA's climate adaptation posture, and formulate recommended priority actions for short, medium, & long-term climate risk management.

- Assist CA in monitoring pending/proposed legislation related to climate change, energy alternatives, watershed and development issues, to the extent that such legislation may impact CA, Columbia, and **its environs**. CC&SAC may provide input to CA's General Counsel (GC) on such legislation, and the GC will assess whether it is appropriate for CA to support, oppose or take no position on that legislation. **CC&SAC may also develop or propose legislation, in coordination with GC, as appropriate.**
- Provide recommendations to the Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors and CA staff on how CA can enhance its programs and facilities to better serve **the community**.

C. Committee recommendations, if any, with justification, for consideration by CA Board:

- Support staff efforts to conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment of CA operations. This effort would be executed in collaboration with the Watershed Advisory Committee. Operating funding would be required for this effort as a new initiative.
- Support staff efforts at enhanced community outreach and engagement associated with climate change and sustainability issues.

Incorporated by Reference

1. Original February 2018 Committee Charter
2. List of Committee Members

Committee Charge approved by CA Board on: