

Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee

Subject	Monthly CC&SAC Meeting		
Date, Time, Location	09/11/19, 7:00 p.m. Long Reach Tennis Club		
Facilitator	Tim Lattimer, Chair	Scribe	Kim Drake, Rachel Matney

AGENDA OR **MINUTES**

Tim Lattimer, Sara Via, Michael Cornell, Julian Leavy, Katherine McCarter, John Klein, Tracey Manning, Ciara D'Amore, Rachel Matney, Kim Drake

CA Representatives: Jeremy Scharfenberg, Ginny Thomas

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda (2 mins)

Approved

2. Resident Speak Out (10 mins)

N/A

3. CA Staff & Board Liaison Update (10 mins)

- Ginny: Resolution to declare Climate Emergency – bounced it off a few people, we did get some pushback. Comments/concerns raised: what would the impacts be on CA (blank checks to do anything without board approval?), does this violate charter which prohibits engaging political activity, there is only authority over CA but no authority over Columbia so we can advocate but not tell residents what to do, other environmental actions that could buy us some time to act ex. Planting trees.
- Moving forward, we wanted to give staff time to look at it and see how it would be applicable for CA. We would then have it talked about on the 26th (Would need to be posted on the 19th). We have 30 minutes on agenda for Climate resolution, and then we have also added a plastics discussion for 15-20 minutes. 10 votes and 6 are needed to pass.
- Concerns on WWII reference – can we spin this towards a more positive analogy ex. space program, moonshot? Doing so might miss the mark on the urgency of this message.
- Jeremy: this declaration doesn't affect a non-profit (CA) like it would a

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municipality, may need to reword. We will run this past CA attorney who might want to have discussion of other language (reaffirmation vs. declaration), but CA is not a municipality so a declaration wouldn't have the same procedural effects. Advocacy is also in the CA charge. Advocacy vs. Outreach?

- Ginny: Would like to have a routine presentation/communication to residents on sustainability and what CA is doing.
- Pencil in a conference call for the 17th at 7PM. Can discuss staff comments and address any concerns that would arise. Document need to get to Ginny on the 18th. Would be great to have a huddle to work to anticipate what questions we might have and strategize on answers.

4. Old Business (5 mins)

A. Approval of August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approved with amendments (typos)
Q/A names, last names for people

B. Update on draft Climate Emergency Declaration

Discussion above closed this item.

C. Committee Composition

- We are working on collecting resumes (7 so far with a range of expertise).
- Q (Sara): Are we advertising this out again? There is a lot of talent out there and if we don't open it up again, are we limiting ourselves.
- A (Michael): From the original discussion it seemed that we were going to go back to the group of resumes that didn't originally make it on to the committee.
- Jeremy: The original process was a month long between soliciting, collecting, notifying, reviewing etc. We also caveated to the group who did not make the cut that if spots opened were made available, we would come back to them to fill spots. Resumes are on the shared drive.
- Tim: Would be reluctant to open back up and swamp staff with more resumes and procedure when we want to fill this spot, but if committee members have recommendations for committee member, let's get these resumes into the hands of the
- Ginny: committees have a limit on number of people, but we may be able to have those resumes serve (not as a member) but as volunteers (we would be able to vet them before spots become open).

5. New Business (30 mins)

A. Sub-Committee Updates

- Sustainability: Had a subcommittee meeting Monday. We would like to get on the next months agenda to talk about transportation and transit ways – would like to have 15 min with some Q&A. We will ask Jessica from CA to invite her to the meeting. Columbia transit advisory group (CTAG).
- We are doing a conference call tomorrow at 4PM to follow up and make assignments. Bridge Columbia has changed their name and are going by Columbia Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC).
- Climate: Climate vulnerability assessment (CVA) – gathering data and looking at RFPs on climate vulnerability assessment (ex. one from Summerville Mass.). We are working on rounding up examples on what other cities have done. We are also trying to do some ground truthing on the costs of these assessments (~\$100K?). Also looking into reaching out to stakeholders in the area.
- Community Engagement: Outcome of VB meetings – wrapped up the tour and compiled the minutes we took and work on an analysis. Charted the highlights out to visually show what the topics of concern were. Also made an infographic that VBs could put in their newsletters letting them know that this had been done.
- Highlights overview of topic of concern:
 - Villages want to have Educational opportunities/workshops etc.
 - Stream erosion and flooding
 - Transportation (public transit, complete streets, bike paths etc)
 - Confusion on Recycling/Composting
 - CA covenants – review of these (hindering)
 - Having CA backing for environmental action
 - How to motivate and incentivize people to act on environment
 - Less paperwork for action (solar, EV etc.)
- Is there an opportunity to get the Residential Action Committee (RACs) to revise some of their policy (rain barrels, solar etc.)? These create barriers to people taking action.
- Covenants are not CA and they are governed by the Village Boards.
- Jeremy: Rain garden options approved by the RACs and residents could pick from those preapproved options. This is one way this could be done.
- Michael: RACs best practices conversations. (Solar, pollinator gardens, EV chargers etc.)
- Each village has difference covenants but would be helpful to have a

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number of sample garden options in a 'catalog' of approved solutions, and the resident can choose one to install in their yard.

- John/Julian - this something we can do through the sustainability committee
- Our group met and laid out a list of what we are thinking about doing. Strategy for climate tidbits into newsletters and HoCo Flyer etc. Organize talks, workshops, List of CSAs
- Last Climate Collaboration Meeting we mentioned forming subgroups around topics that people are interested in that they can talk about (collaboration across organizations in the CColab). Looking to have the next meeting HoCo Sustainably meeting October 24th

6. Action Item Recap (5 mins)

- Follow up on draft declaration based on feedback
- Meeting 7PM tues 17th to talk about comment on declaration
- Sustainability subcommittee will discuss transportation matters at next meeting.
- Looking at engagement with RACs – design guideline?
- Climate committee discussion to look at ground work for Climate Vulnerability Assessment (19th)
- CE following up with VB based on – letting them know about the 26th. (only when its posted publicly)
- Ad hoc recruitment – resumes of anyone to Mike Cornell by 19th

7. Announcements / Look Ahead (5 mins)

- HoCo joining Bee city USA
- Hickory Ridge, Sept 16, 7pm – Sara, landscaping talk
- Climate week 20-27th, whole website with daily events. October 1st HCC climate talk
- September 24th US climate alliance National working lands challenge. As a part of action week.
- Energy meeting October 8th River Hill – continuation of energy star community solar program.

8. Adjourn / Next Meeting – Oct. 2019, 7:00 p.m. LR Tennis Center