

**City of Cambridge
Climate Protection Action Committee**

**Minutes
February 12, 2009**

Present: David Rabkin, Brian Reich, Kristin Lewis, Rick Mattila, Mead Wyman, Betsy Boyle, Jan Dillon, Janet Curtis, Kat Potter, Lauren Miller, Keren Schlomy, Quinton Zondervan, Bill Zamparelli, Musa Pam, John Francis, Steve Lanou, Gordon Reynolds, Susanne Rasmussen, Rosalie Anders, John Bolduc

The meeting was called to order by David Rabkin.

David discussed the challenges of creating a coherent document for recommendations to the City, and explained the decision to create a report that commits to the big ideas generated by the subcommittees without getting bogged down in details that could set off red flags at the City level.

The larger question of the CPAC's future role was brought up and then carried forward by Brian Reich. He discussed the format and style of the report. The key idea is that there needs to be a change of strategies and directions by the City in order to meet the goals set for reducing GHG emissions. The report is specifically an interim report and the goal is to provide a framework for the CPAC to help the City in moving forward to the point where our recommendations are implementable.

Discussion followed that raised the following general issues:

- The role of CPAC as an advisory versus activist/advocacy committee, and to what this document commits us and how it will be undertaken. A number of committee members expressed that, as written, the report appeared to place a lot of the responsibility for implementing the recommendations on the committee [or a sentence to that effect]
- Other topics that we anticipated addressing (e.g., land use, adaptation, engineering solutions) should be mentioned further in the current document.
- Some positive feedback should be offered to the city for the many climate change related efforts that have already been executed.
- The document could be framed as an opportunity to lead on this issue at the city, state and/or national level as an example of what can be done.
- An executive summary was suggested to recreate the punchy, hard-hitting style that Brian used in his presentation.

Susanne, John, and Rosalie weighed in with their support for the document.

Musa Pam motioned that the report with discussed edits and an executive summary be submitted to the City. This was seconded by Mead Wyman and approved by the Committee as a whole.

David and Brian proposed that the CPAC become organized around small, flexible, short-lived working groups that can take on specific tasks outlined in the interim report as needed or driven by particular member interest.

Members should identify recommendations in the report on which they would like to take action before the next meeting and email Brian/David within a week to express their interest. The stretch code and building labeling were identified as two areas that have immediate needs for action because of outside events (approvals at State level, etc.). David and Brian will also send a list of key needs and will help coordinate among members interested in similar issues.