

City of Cambridge
Climate Protection Action Committee

Minutes

June 12, 2014
City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

Attendees: Quinton Zondervan (chair), Jackie Cefola (vice chair), Milton Bevington, Rosalie Anders, Betsy Boyle, Janet Curtis, Lyn Huckabee, Susy Jones, Ted Live, Lauren Miller, David Rabkin, Marguerite Reynolds, Keren Schlomy, William Zamparelli; *staff*: Bronwyn Cooke, John Bolduc

John B. gave the ETP report:

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

- 6/23 Climate Change Round Table (instead of regular City Council meeting)
- 6/24 Ordinance Committee discusses building energy use disclosure July 7 or 8 (not set)
Environment Committee discusses CPAC Goals document
- 6/23 Net Zero task force meeting

Quinton presented two items:

1) 350Mass asked CPAC to endorse the State Pension Fund divesting from fossil fuels. Rosalie noted that Cambridge has its own pension fund which has not yet divested but the City Council unanimously voted to do so. Needs State legislative approval.
Decision: CPAC will not endorse but individual members may do so.

2) Marilyn Wellens wrote CPAC about two items related to urban heat island effect in Cambridge: lighting problems and trees. She is also concerned about indoor light pollution. John noted that the City is converting all its street lights to LEDs which will be cooler, will give the City remote control, and will include new fixtures which can be angled to direct the lights as needed. Also, Cambridge has 30% tree cover.
Decision: A brief response will be drafted.

Working groups:

The committee split into two working groups for the rest of the meeting to focus on:

- Urban Heat Islands
- Solar Power

Both groups then presented the result of their initial discussion. Both groups are interested in learning more about the options and getting an expert to talk to the group

Submitted by Keren Schlomy