

**City of Cambridge
Climate Protection Action Committee**

**Meeting Notes
April 14, 2011**

Present: David Rabkin (chair), Quinton Zondervan (Vice Chair), Marguerite Reynolds (Secretary), Barry Hilts, Betsy Boyle, Jackie Cefola, John Francis, Lauren Miller, Terrence Smith, Tom Page. *Staff:* Susanne Rasmussen, Rosalie Anders, John Bolduc.

Guests: Bob Healy (City Manager), Rich Rossi (Deputy City Manager), Sam Corda (Water Dept), Lisa Peterson (DPW), Ali Corwin (DPW), Kristen Von Hoffmann (Schools), Sam Lipson (Public Health), Iram Farooq (Community Development), John MacDougall

Discussion with City Manager

City Manager, Bob Healy, joined the meeting, along with a number of his staff from various departments throughout the city government.

David posed the questions:

- Where should our priorities be?
- How can we be helpful?
- What do you see looking forward?

Healy:

- CPAC is the official advisory body for the city on climate and he considers us the experts. He takes advice seriously, allocated \$150K in 2012 budget for an adaptation assessment and another \$150K in 2013 for further adaptation efforts.
- CEA is being restructured. There is still a serious need to focus on buildings, but the CEA business strategy is not working. It may be folded into the Redevelopment Department.

Ideas discussed included:

- City and community organizations working together on Cambridge climate related events, keeping each other informed, perhaps creating a group/community calendar.
- Developing a core group of business leaders to help lead climate efforts in business/institutional community; involve business associations.

- 80% of emissions in Cambridge come from energy use in buildings. There is a need and enthusiasm for focus on renewables in addition to energy efficiency; and the city has begun a serious focus on adaptation.
- DPW sees need for engagement on solid waste management and urban forestry.
- DPW and Public Health departments both agreed that there needs to be better coordination with the committee on adaptation efforts. CPAC will think about best way to get department updates for the committee – need a more holistic sense of department priorities and activity.

Director's Report:

- Solarize Mass – DOER and MassCEC offering marketing assistance for solar installation facilitated by the state that lines up contractors to do the work, aims for economies of scale. Deadline for announcing awardees had passed and Cambridge had not hear, so the City probably was not successful.
- DOER called City to ask what the next pilot programs should be. Can be discussed in CPAC.
- Landlord efficiency workshop a success on March 19 with 45 attendees. Half signed up for audits on the spot.
- David Cash from DOER spoke at a joint Cambridge/Somerville for Change meeting on 3/29. He presented the state climate plan and talked about what people can do.
- A Stretch Energy workshop was held on April 5.
- The 2011 Go Green Awards will be held on May 26 with a breakfast at SwissNex Boston, the Swiss consulate.
- CEA will soon offer a room A/C turn-in program, in partnership with Cambridge DPW, which will collect units in return for \$125 vouchers. Program ties in to Cambridge retailers, and there will be one voucher allowed per household.
- The Boston/Cambridge/Somerville/Brookline bike share program will be launching soon, with 61 stations opening in Boston in the spring and 14 stations in Cambridge in the fall.

Other Notes

The CPAC annual report is ready to go except for some final photo insertions.

Terry Smith reported that the Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy, of which Cambridge is a member, is now in 17 states.

Notes prepared by Betsy Boyle

