

City of Cambridge
CLIMATE PROTECTION ACTION COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 9, 2017
City Hall Annex

Attendees: Lauren Miller (chair), Rosalie Anders, Tom Chase, Brian Goldberg, Ted Live, David Rabkin, William Zamparelli; *staff:* Bronwyn Cooke, Seth Federspiel, John Bolduc

Guests: Guests names

Approval of Minutes – The Committee did not have a quorum so the draft minutes were tabled.

ETP Director Report

- City Council goals were provisionally adopted, which include **Goal 3:** Deepen our commitment to sustainable use of energy and strengthen our capacity for resilience.
- The zoning for the Volpe site in Kendall Square was adopted by the City Council. As part of the zoning, MIT will support the implementation of the Grand Junction Greenway including \$8 million for design and construction of the pedestrian/bike pathway, and distributed energy will not count against the floor area ratio.
- CPAC member Quinton Zondervan was elected to the City Council. He will step down from the committee when he takes office. Quinton is the first CPAC member to be elected to the Council.
- A public meeting will be held on November 30 at the Russell Youth Center to present and collect feedback on the proposed Climate Change Resilience & Preparedness Plan (CCPR) for Alewife. The plan will be available in advance and a public comment period will run.
- The Envision Cambridge Alewife working group is meeting on November 16. Part of the agenda is to discuss the CCPR Alewife plan.
- The Public Planting Committee is meeting on November 21 at which the Urban Forest Canopy Assessment Update will be presented via webinar by Jarlath O’Neil-Dunne, the director of the UVM Spatial Analysis Lab.
- MIT will be launching the Climate Changed Competition which will seek ideas on how modeling can inform planning for climate resilience using one of 3 sites: MIT and area, Alewife-Fresh Pond, and East Boston.

Net Zero Action Plan Progress Report

Seth Federspiel, energy planner at CDD, provided an update about the status of the Net Zero Action Plan recommendations. 2017 has been the second year of the plan. Most of the activity has involved program design and beginning of implementation.

Regarding Action 2.3 on raising the green building zoning requirement to LEED Gold, it was asked what the threshold is for major renovations to be required to meet the standard. Seth will clarify.

Seth suggested that the committee repeat last year's process of forming a work group to review a draft progress report and develop a response for full committee consideration for inclusion with the report. It was suggested that the response discuss any new factors that should be considered in the implementation of the plan.

Climate Protection Goals & Objectives Semi-Annual Review

Bronwyn Cooke, sustainability planner at CDD, reviewed the status of the goals and objectives. Comments included:

- Goal C:
 - Consider flex fuel as a conventional vehicle type since most of these vehicles are using gasoline.
 - Bill Zamparelli mentioned Eversource will launch an EV charging program for the public realm, including Level 3 fast chargers.
- Goal C, Objective 6: Enterprise Green Communities has a VMT criterion.
- D7: Why is solar PV underperforming at municipal facilities? Bronwyn will consult with DPW.
- D8: It might be good to discuss in the future how to define and track this goal on renewable and non-fossil fuel sources.
- E: For this goal on material consumption and waste, it was noted that some are tracking lbs/household and not total waste.
- H13: We need to better define climate education objectives.

Election of Officers

Due to the lack of a quorum, the election was tabled. Melissa Chan, Olga Faktorovich, and Tom Chase have agreed to stand for chair, vice chair, and secretary, respectively. Melissa and Olga intend to run the meetings as a team.

Topic 5

- Your short summary (does not need to be transcribed word for word...only needs to include the main ideas / outcomes). Be sure to record follow-up actions, votes or decisions.

Other Business

John Bolduc, environmental planner at CDD, presented a brief overview of the Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience Plan for Alewife.

Lauren Miller noted that given the recent difficulty achieving a quorum, it might be necessary to set some expectations for membership.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Notes by John Bolduc