

CLIMATE POLICY COMMISSION
October 14, 2021 – 4 to 6:30 PM

ACTION MINUTES

> Decisions

>> (Assignments) and Actions

1. (4:00) Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda (5 min)
 - 2.1. September 9, 2021 Minutes
 - 2.1.1. > Schaff moves / Kaplan second. Passes unanimously.
 - 2.1.2. >> (Green) Add Schaff to elimination of NG from future buildings
 - 2.1.3. >> (Green) Add for Kaplan “lead preparation for Home Energy Loan councilor education”
3. (4:05) Announcements (10 min)
 - 3.1. Council Update
 - 3.1.1. >> (Graham) will advocate to include Climate considerations If Council approves Medford wastewater feasibility study.
 - 3.1.2. > Motion: I move the CPC Chair author a note expressing the commission’s request that if City Council moves forward with a Medford wastewater feasibility study, that Ashland's financial contribution is sufficient to address climate impacts. Schaff moves / Kaplan seconds, passes 5-1.
 - 3.2. Staff Update
 - 3.3. Other Announcements from Commissioners
 - 3.3.1. >> (All commissioners) please be aware of DLCD’s Southern Oregon Meeting ([link](#)) on October 25 for the Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Rulemaking ([link](#)).
 - 3.4. Reports from Representatives of Other Commissions
4. Public Forum must be submitted via the CPC contact form in writing by 10 a.m. the day of the meeting to be included in the minutes.
 - 4.1. Shawcat article (link to be posted)
5. Old Business
 - 5.1. (4:15) Next Meeting: November TBD, 2021 (5 min)
 - 5.1.1. > Commission agrees next meeting will occur November 18th 4-6:30pm.
 - 5.2. (4:20) Vice-Chair Election (5 min)

The Vice-Chair of the Climate Policy Commission will:

 - Assist the Chair and City Staff with developing agendas and packet materials for commission meetings
 - Facilitate the commission meetings when the Chair is not able to attend

Represent the Climate Policy Commission in meetings that the Chair is unable to attend

Work with the Chair to deliver the annual report to Council on behalf of the Commission

Assume the Chair role at least as an interim in the event that the Chair can no longer fulfill their obligations

5.2.1. > Barth nominates Mallette for Vice-Chair. Brown/Kaplan seconds?
Passes 5-1.

5.3. (4:25) Commissioner Recruitment (1 min)

5.3.1. >> (Barth) will contact mayor and request moving forward with applications in process.

5.4. (4:26) Formal Planning - Mallette (4 min)

5.4.1. >> (All commissioners) Be aware of upcoming meetings Transportation System Plan November 2 ([link](#)) / Water Treatment Plant November 15 ([link](#)). TAP and Stormwater masterplan will likely be approved in 2022.

5.4.2. >> (Brown) will continue following Housing planning activities and will monitor upcoming production strategies.

5.4.3. >> (Graham) will look into status of Transportation System plan grant funding.

5.4.4. >> (Shaff) will send Oregon Dept of Transportation procurement info to Council Liaison.

5.5. (4:30) CPC Council Study Session Process (30 min)

5.5.1. >> (Barth) will update item 5.B in the attachment to include an assessment of low-income households and equity considerations

5.5.2. > Commission generally agreed with the Study Session Process attachment.

5.6. (5:00) Clean Buildings - Home Energy Score - Green (20 min)

5.6.1. (Commissioner Brown departs 5:02)

5.6.2. >> (Green) will find out how long the score remains valid.

5.6.3. >> (Green) will find out if analyses exist showing how the program has translated into emission reductions in Portland.

5.6.4. >> (Green) will invite Oregon Dept. of Energy and/or Earth Advantage to the next meeting.

5.6.5. >> (Green) will fix link to Austin, TX home energy score study in packet ([new link](#))

5.6.6. >> (Green) will add section to proposal to discuss operational costs and housing affordability.

5.7. (5:20) The Path Off Fossil Gas (40 min)

5.7.1. Fossil gas policy recommendation

Is there a motion to approve the following as CPC's policy recommendation?

"Consistent with its charge and consistent with the adopted Climate and Energy Action Plan, the Climate Policy Commission, recommends the City of Ashland develop a specific timeline in which new fossil gas infrastructure shall cease to

be built, including new service connections. CPC further recommends that all existing gas equipment and appliances be electrified as they reach the end of their service life.”

5.7.1.1. > Mallette motions / Kaplan seconds. Mallette withdraws motion.

5.7.1.2. > Commission expressed general agreement to incorporate the above recommendation into future communications to council.

5.7.2. Outline for Ashland’s Path Off Fossil Gas – Mallette

5.7.2.1. >> (Mallette/Barth) will continue developing the Path Off Fossil attachment to prepare for use at a future study session and within the eventual CEAP update. Study session may include a description of community-based process and potential City leadership opportunities.

5.7.3. Avista Communication comments/approval - Barth

5.7.3.1. > Commission generally agreed postpone putting the attached communication before City Council until after the proposed study session “Path Off Fossil Gas”.

5.7.4. Avista Questions comments/approval- Barth

5.7.4.1. > Commission generally agreed to finalize list of questions after the next Avista presentation is scheduled.

6. New Business

6.1. (6:00) Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance - Barth (10 min)

6.2. > Motion: I move the chair be authorized to send the memo in the packet to the City Council. Shaff moves / Mallette second (with addition of decommissioning as discussed). Passes unanimously.

7. (6:10) Wrap Up (20 min)

7.1. CPC Look ahead

7.1.1. > Commission agrees to work on topics identified (Home energy score, City fossil gas opportunities, community path off fossil gas, carbon note) and will review progress next month.

7.1.2. > Commission agrees there’s no need to decide which item will go to City Council first.

7.1.3. >> (All Commissioners) review Commission look ahead and provide status and comments to Chair.