

**MINUTES FOR THE CLIMATE & ENERGY ACTION PLAN ad hoc COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**  
**Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way**

**1. Call to Order**

Councilor Rich Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee members Bryan Sohl, Louise Shawkat, Claire Pryor, James McGinnis, Roxanne Biegel-Coryell, Claudia Alick, Cindy Bernard, Marni Koopman, Jim Hartman and Stuart Green were present. Staff member Adam Hanks was present.

Group did an icebreaker regarding the question, “Given the election results, how do you think this will effect/amplify the needs of this effort?”

Rosenthal gave an update on the recent City Council meeting regarding the 10x20 ordinance.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**McGinnis/Koopman m/s to approve the minutes of October 5 and 15 as presented.**

**Discussion:** None. **Voice Vote:** All Ayes. **Motion Passes.**

**3. Public Input**

Ken Crocker – stated he had missed the last couple of meetings but it appears the group has been discussing important topics. He was hoping to see more of the draft plan process. It seems the strategies and actions are just a list of stuff from the committee with some prioritization from the community. What’s missing is a look at the vision of what the community would be like with no greenhouse emissions. The group hasn’t looked at any cost/benefit analysis of any of the strategies to see if they are the correct ones. He believes the group needs to ask Council to step back and do an in depth look at the strategies presented. In particular, he’s concerned with ones which effect low-income people and with potential for working on transportation programs for the whole valley.

Allie Rosenbluth – listed some ideas for getting more attendance at the next open house including flyers in Spanish, offering babysitting, offering food. She stated it is better to get a broader range of voices to represent the entire community, especially as the plan talks about equity. Plan equity needs to be more than just a part of the vision statement but needs to be considered throughout the plan. She gave some examples of areas of the plan needing more equity considerations. She stated that the draft plan is lacking quantitative goals, too many of them have nothing to be measured by or against. Additionally there is no structure layed out in the plan for how the future commission will evolve after the plan is approved.

Robert Block-Brown – stated he is concerned that the plan doesn’t reference the Ordinance with the goals/targets. The plan also doesn’t talk about how it will be sheparded – no talk of the commission, staff members, etc. He liked Ken’s comment regarding needing to decide what our vision of the future will be inorder to get into specifics of what we want to be accountable for. With no clear vision there can be no specifics of how to get there so we never will.

James Stephens – stated he is encouraged by the recent Council meeting and it's 10x20 discussion. It is clear there is support by the Mayor. He stated that he appreciates that the plan references the 10x20 ordinance. Those who were involved in getting the ordinance approved would appreciate a chance to get involved with the creation of the RFP and with the Open House on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated the 10x20 supporters would like to staff an information table at the open house to give information. This could also get a higher turnout at the event.

Huelz – state that 10x20 is just a power purchasing agreement. This type of agreement has been on the table since the Bush era and we almost used it for the Solar Pioneer II project but instead did a bond. Another option is the third-party pass-through and he's been watching all these years to see if that would be used. Now we can do a double-bundle program to make this a cutting edge project. He is excited about the lawsuits from Our Childrens Trust and is glad anyone can sue regarding climate issues now. He stated that last night's Council meeting was great. He encouraged the group to read his double-bundle e-mails.

#### **4. Open House Plan Update**

Hanks gave an update on the event plans. He stated that based on the previous discussions they have added a few things including; a story by Tonya Graham, individual tables set up and time for one-on-one dialogue with community members. He gave an overview of the promotions already done and those which will be undertaken closer to the event date. Group discussed additional ways to increase and diversify participation.

#### **5. Draft Plan Review**

Rosenthal gave an overview of the plan as presented. He reminded the group that it's currently unformatted and missing both the executive summary, the graphics, and the more detailed implementation plan. Group discussed the plan and suggested the following be incorporated or considered:

- Two versions – the long (highly detailed for future commission and Council) and the short (for easy discussion and distribution in the community)
- More global context
- A matrix of all the actions listed together
- Need more co-benefits listed (even if negative)
- Need more review of this versus other plans of the City as some call-outs go directly against or are in conflict with other plan requirements/actions
- Remove the tree analogy – it's confusing
- Add a roadmap to the rest of the plan
- Need more explicit reference to how this process/plan will continue
- Equity needs to be positioned and framed more as important throughout, not just on one page
- The proposed ordinance needs to be referenced in the plan

The group mostly agreed that the plan is readable and a good framework, though it's hard to judge too in depth without the implementation plan. Hanks stated he and Cascadia understand the challenge of not seeing the implementation plan at this time but before they can fully do that

portion they need to know if the actions we've identified are the top ones to be analyzed. Group discussed some of the actions and how to connect them to real risks and real results.

#### **6. Consumption Emissions/Carbon Offsets**

Hartman gave an overview of why he believes offsets must be included in the plan in order to achieve the 8% goal each year.

*Pryor departed meeting at 7:05 p.m.*

Hartman stated he would like a small group to do research into options regarding offsets and present that information at a future meeting. Group discussed options for how research could be done and also discussed some of the drawbacks of spending money on projects outside of the city instead of taking that same money for projects within the city (which won't count in ghg reduction numbers in the same way but could result in longer-term success and other co-benefits like living-wage jobs). Hartman stated he doesn't want offsets as the only solution but does want them to remain a long-term option. He agreed to do some research and make a presentation on ways offsets could be incorporated into the plan at a future meeting.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

The upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

Open House December 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Stevenson Union at SOU

November 14, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

January 4, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – tentative meeting, if next phase of plan document is ready.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Shiplet, Executive Assistant