

Action Minutes CCAC - May 21, 2025

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Commenced meeting at 5:35 PM

In person: Julie, Jens, Michael, Mike, Derik, Joe Deets, Laura Rýser

Absent: Ray, Kevin, Sanjay

Public Comment

- No comment

Food Recycler

- Julie and Michael provided an update on their research and delivered a lifecycle analysis; they prepared a memo summarizing their work.
- The committee passed a motion to deliver this memo to the Council.

PSE Meeting

- Derik, Joe, and Laura attended the meeting with PSE.
- Had an opportunity to talk with PSE about the City having a Climate Action Plan that seeks to increase the generation of renewable energy that could help PSE meet its state-mandated renewable energy goals.
- Laura will follow up with PSE to get regular data updates on energy generation on the island.
- Laura has shared with the committee the presentation that PSE gave at the meeting.
- Joe has requested more information on community solar from PSE.

Groundwater Management Plan

- Michael, Ray, and Mike reviewed the draft and provided extensive comments.
- The committee will wait to review the next version until an execution plan is part of the draft.

ETIPP

- Mike reminds the group of the large amount of work that went into this study and of the value of the recommendation - and that the committee also did a significant amount of work to summarize and prioritize those recommendations.
- Laura is holding meetings with staff on the ETIPP recommendations.
- Derik and Mike volunteer to work with Laura on ETIPP matters.

CCAC: Filling Open Positions & Dissolving Other Positions

- The committee will seek clarifications from the City on exactly which positions are being filled and which are not; there are interviews going on to fill at least one position.

Tool Lending Library

- Mike raises the topic of how we might expand the excellent lending library.
- Joe will follow up on the status of where things stand with how the lending library might fit into the broader discussion around the leaf blower ordinance.

Multi-County Climate Partnership

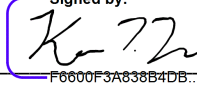
- Laura will join three other Climate Managers to talk about what they had done with climate action plans and how they can help other similar-sized communities (such as Edmonds, Kenmore, and Port Townsend) on June 26.

Updates from Laura

- City Contract with Department of Commerce
 - The City got a \$90K grant to do a feasibility study on solar plus storage.
 - She has issued an RFP for a design firm.
 - Laura will send out a note to the committee to solicit help; would like assistance with looking at site assessment.
 - Michael offers to help.
- Mid-Year Progress Support
 - Mike offers to help review.
- Commerce Staff Assistance on Energy Projects
 - Laura is taking advantage of assistance from the Department of Commerce; she will be reporting back on those conversations.
- Scale-Up Program
 - Laura is getting involved in this broader discussion with similarly-sized communities to share info about projects similar to the Heat Pump Pilot Program; she will be reporting back on those conversations.
- Olympia Community Solar
 - Intermediary between municipalities and utilities.
 - Laura is talking with them about how they could help us do more to leverage the programs being offered by PSE; she will be reporting back on those conversations.
- PSE Data on Electricity Use, Solar and Electric Vehicles
 - Laura has been collecting data and finding ways to visualize it.
 - Laura will ask PSE for data on battery backups for solar.
 - Want to use this data to help connect the dots on where we stand with the Climate Action Plan.
- Emissions Inventory
 - The City is getting an upgrade of its software that tracks its emissions inventories.
 - Laura is looking at what feature add-ons are available to the City.
 - Cascadia is working on a community-wide inventory.
 - Mike asks if we can have them come and give an update on their efforts; Laura will arrange that.
- Climate Plan Updates

- Laura suggests beginning to think about emissions reductions in terms of revising the CAP; she recommends dividing the plan into two areas of focus: municipal and community.
- She also recommends that we go back to talk to the community to gauge how priorities may have shifted.
- Mike offers to share documentation on what the committee did to reach out to the community and what information was gathered in 2019.
- She is basically soft launching the revision of the CAP.
- Electric Bike Voucher Program
 - This is close to being launched.
- Laura Meeting with Community
 - Mike offers to help Laura meet with the community; he suggests that she join something like a mixer at the Grow community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Signed by:
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Kevin Thomas, Chair Date