

Climate Change Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

In person: Committee members: Kevin Thomas, Jens Boemer, Mike Cox, Steve Richard, Julie Matthews, Ray Victurine, Council Liaison Kirsten Hytopoulos City Staff: Ellen Schroer

Absent: Committee members: Sanjay Bhat, Derik Broekhoff, Michael Kleeman, Council Liaison Joe Deets

City Staff: Ellen Schroer, Deputy City Manager

Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Request that agenda be amended to include Puget Sound Energy Green Power in the ETIPP discussion and hear an update on new Climate Change Advisory Committee members.

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

Farewell

Jens Boemer and Julie Matthews

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last month were not available. Deputy City Manager Schorer provided instructions and action minute template that can be used for future meeting minutes.

Kicking Gas Meeting Debrief

Heat pump pilot project- Eight units have been installed, four in progress and seven more in the pipeline. 19 total in the pilot. The contract was extended for 60 days to allow completion. Kevin will invite Kicking Gas to next CCAC meeting and explore possibility of them doing something similar for induction stoves, solar power and more heat pumps

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Groundwater Management Plan Status

The initial draft received lots of comments. Climate Action Advisory Committee, in collaboration with other committees, suggested the plan be more specific and include criteria for how to prioritize projects. Next draft for public comment is expected in mid- July.

ETIPP report moving forward

Subcommittee will turn the ETIPP report recommendations into actionable items and figure out how to involve the public. The subcommittee will also discuss how to include Puget Sound Energy in the green power discussion and actions. The subcommittee is Kevin, Mike, Steve, and Ray.

Inter-County Climate Partnership

Next meeting is June 26.

Climate Manager Update

Deputy City Manager Schroer presented an update (Climate Manager Ryser absent).

Leaf Blower Ordinance

City Council supports the ordinance in concept but paused work on the ordinance to provide time for additional considerations. The committee stressed the importance of community outreach and equity considerations.

Solar and battery storage

Grant received from State Dept of Commerce- for 3 City facilities- will consider ETIPP recommendations. RFP is in the works.

Solarize Public Campaign

Campaign with Olympic Community Solar to reduce costs and simplify installation through education and aggregating demand.

UW Intern

Starts June 15 to work in part on the electrical vehicle code for multifamily

Climate Change Advisory Committee Member update

New member appointed. Bill Dowey to start in July, Ray Victurine reappointed. Climate Change Advisory Committee is now only 8 members. Four members is a quorum.

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Updating Climate Action Plan

Community engagement opportunities discussed.

E-Bike Voucher program

Voucher amount varies with income. Applications close June 27.

Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Climate Manager Rýser serves on it. It will be discussed at the July 15 Council Study Session.

Greenhouse Gas inventory update

Still in progress - hopes for a draft in the fall. Using 2023 data.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Signed by:

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03-Dec-25

Kevin Thomas, Chair

Date