CAP Standing Committee Meeting
Minutes for
October 16, 2019

In Attendance

Committee Members: Casey Lewis, Hilary Lindh, Karin Hilding, Kate McMahon, Melissa Hartman, Sierra McCartney, Joe Page

Public: Richard Hildner, Robin Paone, Sammie McGowen, Dabney Langellier, Jessica Sherlock, Maddie

A. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm
Robin Paone of Citizen’s Climate Lobby added to agenda

B. Minutes of September 18, 2019 meeting approved unanimously

C. Progress Report: Status Updates from Committee

- Karin reviewed status of plan implementation actions undertaken by Public Works Department
  - Staff to add link on CAP website to home energy efficiency resources, internally review Sophia’s brochure and then bring to committee for review
  - Joe has ideas about how to improve energy efficiency at ESC that don’t depend on LED installation – reduce heat loss from opening garage bay doors
  - Staff to request presentation by Eagle Transit
  - Karin to present WWTP/Solar Feasibility report at next meeting

- Joe summarized status of Fire Department related tasks
  - Prescribed burns have been limited by cool, wet weather
  - Relatively cool, wet summer this year will increase need for reeducation of homeowners next year

- Hilary provided updates on Planning Department implementation actions; the following plans and changes to regulations have, are, or will be helping to implement the CAP:
  - Legacy Homes Program (Inclusionary Zoning) went into effect July 2019
  - Zoning text amendments have reduced parking for studio and 1-bedroom apartments; added some residential as a permitted use in the Highway 93 South corridor, other types of residential have been added as conditional uses.
  - Transit study by Western Transportation Institute (end October 2019), Downtown Parking Management Plan by Dixon Resources (October 21, 2019 likely adoption), Highway 93 South Corridor Plan (spring 2020) all have goals and objectives relevant to implementing the CAP

- Kate provided information on a November 2 symposium: State of the Flathead’s Plastics, October 22 Sustainable Tourism workshop, the Montana Outdoor Summit held earlier in October in Whitefish, and a Montana Climate Smart panel she participated in today (Oct. 16)
  - Staff to add link to Plastics symposium on CAP webpage
Casey also discussed the Plastics symposium and will provide poster and web link for more info; she reminded committee of the Flathead Rain Garden Initiative, and will provide the committee with a position description for a sustainability coordinator

Melissa reported that she has reached out to teacher Nikki Reed regarding recycling program, but hasn’t yet heard back

Sammie McGowen is the School District’s new Energy Corps member and she provided a summary of her projects; she is willing to help the committee implement some of the CAP action items. Committee discussed some of the ways she may be able to help, including:
  - Use the resources in the Innovation Lab to develop new signage for the central recycling facility; staff will share Republic Services web resources for messaging
  - Help coordinate student volunteers to work at recycling and/or compost center

D. **Follow Up on Waste Diversion Items** – discussed through status updates

E. **Robin Paone** of Citizen’s Climate Lobby presented information on federal legislation called the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

  - Councilor Richard Hildner is seeking the committee’s support for a Council resolution in support of the legislation
  - **Committee will review** the legislation and resources provided by Robin and **discuss** at the November meeting

F. **Public Comment**

  - Richard asked that the requirement for LED lights be included in the update to the Engineering Standards; Karin confirmed that it is included
  - Richard asked that the Plastics symposium be posted on the City website
  - Dabney Langellier introduced herself; she works in the Planning and Building department for the City in admin, and previously was on the Green Team at North Valley Hospital. She is available to help with implementation tasks.
    - **Agenda item** for November meeting is to consider how Dabney, Sammie, and the City’s new Energy Corps member Zachary (starts in January) can best help with plan implementation
  - Kate believes we should continue with regular status updates every month, which should take less time in the future now that we’ve had a comprehensive update
    - Status updates to be a regular agenda item
  - Jessica Sherlock attended the meeting but was unable to stay until the public comment period. She and friend Maddie are interested in getting single-use plastic bags banned from Whitefish. She will email with more information, which the committee can **discuss at its next meeting**.

G. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:07pm