



**Climate Action Plan Standing Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2023**

- A.** Call to Order - Meeting commenced at 3:30pm. Attending: Nathan Dugan, Lydia Fahrenkrug, Karin Hilding, Robin Paone, Liz Records, Alan Tiefenbach, Dakota Whitman, Craig Workman, Audrey Ramming EPA, Alyssa Hall (Cadmus Group)
- B.** Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023 Meeting. They were approved unanimously.
- C.** Communications/Outreach/Education –
Presentation by Alyssa Hall of Cadmus Group and Audrey Ramming of EPA about the CREAT program Whitefish results. CREAT (Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool) is an EPA program this is used to assist water utilities with understanding and addressing climate change risks. **Karin agreed to forward the Whitefish CREAT case study to the committee members.**
- D.** Project Updates
- Existing Projects
 - Community Solar Project – Karin provided an update. Ashley Keltner of FEC is working on the environmental document for the USDA REAP grant. The RFP for the project will go out later this week.
 - Transit Mobility Platform/Transit MOU (Karin) – now news reported
 - Landscaping Standards – Planning Department update (Alan) – Alan will be sending a report on the standards update to the planning board on Feb. 16th. He will forward his planning board report to Karin to distribute to the committee.
 - Growth Policy Update (Alan) – Alan will do a presentation to the planning board on the Growth Policy Update existing conditions tomorrow and presentation to the council on Tuesday. Citizen kick off in April.
 - FY 24 city budget process related to CAP committee – Karin will share the department director budget questionnaire responses with the committee.
 - Assisting Public Works with selecting a potential EV for FY24
 - Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Safety Plan Grant – increase safety of multi-modal transportation – Karin reported that a \$160,000 federal SS4A grant was awarded to the city recently.
 - C-PACE status (Karin) – **The council work session will be on April 3rd.**
 - Someone asked about the energy efficiency of the Snow Lot (affordable) townhomes. Karin will send another email to the architect to check on the energy performance standards.
 - Proposed Projects

- Proposed Electrification Strategy (Robin) Robin to forward the revised Electrification report for distribution to the committee.
- ESC Building Performance - Karin may help set up a meeting with Lydia and Ben concerning the ESC building. Karin has requested help from Laura Howe with a cost estimate for retro-commissioning. Karin sent an email to Bonnie at MDEQ to check on funding for building commissioning.

E. Other Committee Status Updates Karin noted the federal grants related to Climate Action that she has been working on. This includes the RAISE transportation grant submitted last week and Transportation Alternatives grant that is due in mid-April.

F. Public Comment

G. Adjournment