



Jefferson County/City of Port Townsend  
**Climate Action Committee**



**Approved Minutes**

May 16, 2012

3:30-5:30

Cotton Building, 607 Water Street

Port Townsend, WA

**Members Present:** Deborah Stinson, John Austin, Pinky Feria-Mingo, Brian Goldstein, Val Johnstone, Michael Tweiten, Barney Burke, Richard Dandridge, Tammie Rubert, Stan Willard

**Staff:** Zoe Ann Lamp, Judy Surber

**Guests:** Laura Tucker, Ewan Shortess

**Scribe:** Zoe Ann Lamp

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Recommendation/Action</b>	<b>Follow-up (if needed)</b>
<b>Call to order</b>	3:30	
<b>Introduction</b>	Deborah Stinson and Judy Surber led the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation. Each person introduced himself.	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Stan Willard motioned to approve the agenda and John Austin seconded. It was approved unanimously.	
<b>Team Building Exercise</b>	Each person was asked to create an “elevator speech” answering the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What would you say to someone who asked you why you cared enough to serve on the CAC?</li><li>• If you ran into someone at work or socially, what would you say?</li><li>• What legacy do you want to leave from serving on the CAC?</li></ul> The committee divided into small groups and everyone shared their answers then moved to a new group to share with more members.	
<b>Background</b>	Deborah Stinson provided some history of the CAC. The committee started as a grassroots effort with two local citizens groups, Local 20/20 and the Climate Protection Campaign (CPC). The CPC commenced a baseline inventory and encouraged the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to create a joint committee to address climate change issues. The City Council and BoCC adopted an aggressive goal of reducing greenhouse gases to 80% of 1990 levels by 2050. In January of 2008 the City Council and the BoCC created the Climate Action Committee (CAC) which held its first meeting on May 28, 2008. The CAC used software from ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) to estimate the baseline inventory and create forecasts. Stan Willard did many	

	of the calculations for the backcasts. The baseline inventory, the backcasts and forecasts along with the interim targets were adopted by joint resolution in January 2009. The CAC developed a list of potential measures to reduce greenhouse gases. The CAC wanted public input and held open houses in Port Townsend, Brinnon and Chimacum. The CAC continued to develop and refine the plan which was finally adopted by the city and county on November 14, 2011.	
<b>Review of Binder and Work Plan</b>	Each member was given a binder with pertinent information including the Work Plan and the adopted Climate Action Plan. Judy Surber highlighted page 2 of the Work Plan which emphasizes public outreach and page 39 of the Climate Action Plan reiterating the focus for the group.	
<b>Public Comments</b>	Laura Tucker: She is starting a committee for students to learn about and address climate change. Ewan Shortess: The school district needs to upgrade the cars. He emphasized the power savings with LEDs and emphasized the need for the school district to upgrade cars.	
<b>Government Leading by Example</b>	Brian Goldstein, Resource Conservation Manager (RCM) explained the 3 year RCM program and highlighted his accomplishments during the first year. He works to optimize heating and lighting and reduce plug loads. The goal during the first year was to reduce energy consumption by 3.0% across all five agencies in the program. While energy consumption actually increased by 3.0%, building operations personnel and staff have started to implement energy saving recommendations, and energy consumption is projected to decrease by 4.0% by October 2012.	
<b>Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats</b>	This subject was tabled to the July 18, 2012 meeting. At the next meeting the committee wants to discuss what is already going on in our community to uncover potential partnerships and connections.	Staff to include on next agenda
<b>Meeting Coordination</b>	The committee decided to meet on July 18, 2012 from 3:30 – 5:30 and then follow a quarterly schedule meeting on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month starting with August 2012. The confirmed meeting dates are as follows: July 18, 2012                      3:30 – 5:30 August 22, 2012                    3:30 – 5:30 November 28, 2012                3:30 – 5:30 February 27, 2013                 3:30 – 5:30	
<b>For the Good of the Order</b>	Val Johnstone mentioned Local 20/20 is providing articles on sustainability for the Port Townsend Leader. Anyone interested in providing an article should email Val.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2012 from 3:30 – 5:30.	
<b>Adjourn</b>	John Austin moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Dandridge	

	seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:35.	
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