



Jefferson County/City of Port Townsend
Climate Action Committee



Minutes

February 27, 2013
City Hall Third Floor Conference Room
Port Townsend, WA

Members Present: John Austin, Stanley Willard, Laura Tucker, Ewan Shortess, Valerie Johnstone, Barney Burke, Deborah Stinson, Richard Dandridge, Brian Goldstein, Tammi Rubert, Scott Walker, Pinky Feria-Mingo, Michael Tweiten, Steve Tucker

Absent: None

Staff: Zoe Ann Lamp, Judy Surber

Guests: Cindy Jayne, Geoff Hughes, Kathleen Waldron

Scribe: Brian Goldstein

Topic	Recommendation/Action
Call to order	3:30 p.m.
Approval of Agenda & Minutes	<p>Laura Tucker led the meeting.</p> <p>Zoe Ann added one item to the agenda (discussion of DCD workforce reduction). Deborah Stinson moved to approve the agenda and John Austin seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Laura Tucker moved to approve the November 28, 2012 minutes with 2 minor changes noted by Brian Goldstein. Judy Surber seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.</p> <p>Brian Goldstein agreed to take minutes for the meeting. It was suggested that this task is shared among members.</p> <p>Action item: Develop sign up list for future meeting scribes</p>
County DCD workforce reduction	<p>Zoe Ann announced she is leaving CAC due to County workforce reduction. She will finish review of a current new member application, and will continue to post completed, approved minutes to the County website. She will no longer be attending CAC meetings. The CAC members thanked Zoe Ann for all of her contributions in the development of the CAC plan as the County representative.</p>
Review of CAC Action Plans	<p>A spreadsheet was prepared by Brian Goldstein summarizing the eleven CAC action plans submitted by members. All eleven projects were discussed, with the project leader leading the discussion. Project status</p>

	<p>and comments were added to the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet will be posted to the County web site (assuming we can we do this Zoe Ann)</p> <p>Pinky agreed to send her three project descriptions to Brian, which will be added to the spreadsheet.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Cindy Jayne and Kathleen Waldron introduced themselves, and both have interest in participating in CAC projects that interest them. Cindy has joined the Local 2020 steering committee, and is leading the L2020 Climate Action Group.</p>
Community Cafes in Port Townsend?	<p>The group discussed the feasibility of having ‘Community Cafes’ in Port Townsend as described in Susan Wood’s presentation on November 28, 2012. This would be an attempt to attract a large number of County citizens, to discuss carbon reduction ideas.</p> <p>Several ideas were presented at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this café, CAC could present a synopsis of action plans and see who wanted to join an action group • Sign up people of participate in a NWEI or Low Carbon Diet (LCD) course • Consider hosting this event in coordination with another event, such as Earth Day <p>Ewan and Laura took a recent NWEI course led by Kees Kolff, and felt there could be more concrete steps on how to reduce carbon footprint, which LCD course does nicely.</p> <p>Stanley is doing LCD with his church (5 of them) and hoping to extend to entire congregation</p> <p>Action item: Find individual(s) willing to host a Community Café.</p>
Guest Speaker: Geoff Hughes	<p>Geoff presented an outline of a climate change Adaptation Plan to the CAC for input. This plan is Phase 3 of the overall CAC plan. The intent was to wait for WA state to publish their adaptation plan, and then start developing the County Plan. WA state has done that, so we can start.</p> <p>Geoff made several points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The plan requires City and County government consent and support, and with the recent government workforce reductions, staff time will be very limited, and the plan level-of-detail will need to account for that. 2. A public advisory group (PAG) is recommended, not technical in nature, but a good representation of the community. Geoff sees this as an ad-hoc group that needs to meet legal

	<p>requirements akin to CAC membership. Geoff would staff the PAG and coordinate research among members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Geoff wants the City and County to evaluate his credibility, and wants the CAC to endorse him leading the plan development. 4. Geoff understands there are huge uncertainties in climate models, especially local models, so it is necessary to limit the extent to how we use these models. We can adjust planning based on what we know today. 5. Other cities are doing this today, so we can follow their methods and not reinvent the wheel. <p>Barney suggested that the final product is a prioritized list of public impact, things that can be measured.</p> <p>A motion for CAC to partner with Geoff to move forward on an adaptation plan was made by Barney Burke, seconded by John Austin. The motion passed with one vote opposed.</p>
Next Steps & Agenda Planning	Suggested topics for next meeting should be emailed to Laura Tucker.
Adjourn	Scott Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Goldstein seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2013 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Pope Marine Building.