



Jefferson County/City of Port Townsend
Climate Action Committee



Minutes

June 12, 2008

3:30-5:30

Pope Marine Building, 100 Madison Street, Port Townsend

Members Present: Kees Kolff, Chair; Mark Welch, Vice-Chair; John Austin, Tim Behrenfeld, Larry Crockett, Kristin Marshall, Barbara Nightingale, Denise Pranger, Pete Raab, Dana Roberts, Scott Walker, Stanley Willard

Staff: Karen Barrows, Judy Surber

Guests: Sam Fox, Commissioner Doherty, Thomas Loehr, Joanna Loehr, John Ford, Deborah Stinson, Clea Rome, Richard Dandridge, Kathleen Hudson, Frank Hoffman, Layne Alfonso

Scribe: Karen Barrows

Topic	Recommendation/Action	Follow-up (if needed)
Call to Order Approval of Minutes	3:32 p.m. Approved	
Introduction	Chairman Kolff introduced Alisa O’Hanlon and Dale Anderson from the City of Tacoma Green Ribbon Task Force, and described how their program had come to his attention.	
Presentation	Alisa O’Hanlon described the genesis of the Task Force creation process. She was working in the Government Relations Office and her job was to get the Task Force membership together. Direction from City Council was to work toward consensus to lower local CO2 emissions, with a specific aim of not compromising economic viability. The formula they strove to achieve was a healthy economy plus environmental sustainability. Toward that end they invited to meetings Chamber of Commerce and Cascade Land Conservancy representatives, business associations, Sierra Club representatives, university professors, Pierce County officials, and so forth. Alisa said the Task Force took 10% of her time, and was more time-consuming than originally	

	<p>anticipated. She said three subcommittees did most of the work. Dale Anderson said many members “wore more than one hat,” doing multiple jobs. The three subcommittees were formed around the following topics: transportation; energy supply and use; and the built and un-built environment. Each subcommittee had two chair-people, to ensure that the work would be completed in a timely fashion.</p> <p>Dale Anderson went on to say that land use issues became prominent in the minds of Task Force members. A major concern was how to design hubs within communities while keeping in mind future growth. For the science involved in the issues, the Task Force relied on reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability, of which both Pierce County and Jefferson County are members). They compiled regional data and “plugged in” the numbers. They calculated approximately 49% of emissions came from transportation, and buildings emitted approximately 40%. Dale said it is a good thing that Jefferson County is so far along with its carbon emissions inventory.</p> <p>Dale mentioned that their original target was the same as that contained in the Kyoto Protocol, about a 7% reduction in carbon emissions. At first they weren’t sure from what base year to calculate the reduction. Eventually they decided on benchmark years of 2012, 2020, and 2050. Dale urged the CAC to “brainstorm;” he said there are no bad ideas, because “any idea can lead to a brilliant idea.”</p> <p>Dale said the Task Force sought public input on an ongoing and thorough basis. Public response to the initial set of recommendations was that the Task Force “had not reached high enough; the Task Force should set standards higher than those in the Kyoto Protocol.”</p>	
Committee Response to Presentation	In response to the presentation, members of the CAC began asking questions about who had found the recommendations “onerous” (answer: Land Use	

	and Building); how had educational outreach been handled (answer: Seattle Times has green section in the newspaper each week); has the Port Commission adopted standards (answer: yes). Dale and Alisa responded that six part-time staffers were employed to work for the Task Force. They also recommended setting up an Office of Sustainability.	
Break	4:44 p.m.	
Resume meeting	4:55 p.m.	
Discussion	<p>Chairman Kolff talked about the draft inventory for Jefferson County and suggested that members focus on significant changes in their review. He asked that members get their changes to Karen within one week, so that the final draft is ready one week before the next meeting of July 2nd.</p> <p>The committee's conversation turned to potential stakeholders in the process; among those mentioned were agricultural groups, the Western Climate Initiative, the Jefferson Land Trust, Peninsula College, Lincare vehicles and other transportation subsectors, Team Jefferson, historic preservation, the investment community, Indian Island (with related boat and truck emissions), and the tourist industry.</p>	<p>Staff to compile questions and work with CPTF on future response.</p> <p>Ms. Loehr to meet with Ms. Marshall to resolve inconsistencies in mill data vs. inventory.</p>
Staff Report	Judy Surber and Karen Barrows presented briefly on the assumptions guiding the CAC's efforts that can be found in the GMA, and the Jefferson County and City of Port Townsend Comprehensive Plans and Codes.	
Public Comment	<p>Comments were taken from Joanna Loehr, who is hoping for the establishment of subcommittees; Sam Fox, who thanked Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty for establishing an internal carbon count of county emissions. Sam suggested that the CAC consider a broader coalition of rural governments in the effort. He remarked, "Isolation encumbers collaboration."</p> <p>Commissioner Doherty said that state advisory committees need to have reports done by December 2008. The committees want to have ideas about how to cut state vehicle emissions. Commissioner</p>	

	Doherty said strategies need to be routed toward the Climate Action Team at the state level. Clea Rome from Clallam County RC&D mentioned that there may be sources of funding for additional staff work and other projects.	
Conclusions	<p>Chairman Kolff mentioned the Executive Summary in the newest draft inventory, and the controversy over carbon dioxide not being counted with respect to wood burning due to international convention exempting “biogenic” fuels in carbon counts.</p> <p>Next steps were considered: the Chair asked members to consider which subcommittees on which they would like to serve, and to review the draft inventory. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2008, same time and location.</p> <p>Scott Walker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Larry Crockett. Chairman Kolff adjourned the meeting after consensus.</p>	<p>Staff to reserve space and provide notice.</p> <p>Chair to work with staff on agendas.</p>
Adjourn	5:33 p.m.	