

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Philip Morley, County Administrator

DATE: August 11, 2011

RE: County Administrator's Briefing Item: Review Comments on July 21, 2011 Draft Climate Action Plan

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

At the July 21, 2011 joint City Council/Board of County Commissioners meeting with the Climate Action Committee, it was agreed that each jurisdiction would forward any requested changes to the draft plan to the Clerk of the Board by August 15. During the County Administrator's Briefing the BoCC can consider what comments, if any, it wishes to make.

ANALYSIS:

A copy of the draft Climate Action Plan and the July 21 Agenda Request are available at:
http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commissioners/Agenda/2011%20Attach/072111_01.pdf

Draft minutes from the July 21 session are attached for reference.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As stated on page 10 of the plan:

The plan proposes ambitious carbon-reduction efforts that promise to benefit the region's long-term economic, social and environmental prosperity while we lower our greenhouse gas emissions. By adopting this climate action plan, the City and County are not obligated to implement all the policies described herein. Rather, the activities listed are intended as a menu of ideas from which can be selected over time the specific actions that are affordable, feasible, and appropriate for our community.

Adopting a comprehensive, long-term plan puts the City and County in a better position to take advantage of funding and other opportunities as they arise.

Currently, there is no designated budget for the Climate Action Committee. Departmental budgets pay for staff time and resources to support the Climate Action Committee.

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator


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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/CITY COUNCIL

JOINT SESSION

MEETING DATE July 21, 2011

Board of County Commissioner's Chambers, Jefferson County Courthouse

Opening Business

Call to Order Time: 6:31 pm

Presiding: John Austin

<i>BoCC</i>			<i>City Council</i>						
Austin	Sullivan	Johnson	Sandoval	Randels	Robinson	Medlicott	Welch	King	Nelson
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

- Moment of silence to honor and remember Thomas Loehr and Dana Roberts for their work with the Climate Action Committee. Thomas and Dana past away over the past year.
- Introductions by the BoCC and City Council.
- Michelle Sandoval made a motion to add Public Comment to the agenda in two places – after the Climate Action Committee and after the final topic.
- Kees Kolff, Chair of the CAC, Deborah Stinson, Member of the CAC, Judy Surber, City Staff to CAC and Zoe Ann Lamp, County Staff to CAC gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Climate Action Committee's work thus far, development of the Climate Action Plan and future work that needs to be done. (see attached pages 5 – 13 of these minutes) (Approximate start time 6:40 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
- Joanna Loehr recognized and thanked for her and Thomas' work.
- Michelle Sandoval thanked the committee for their work. Expressed interest that all plans – Comp Plan, Land Use and Transportation, Economic Strategy, Water Plans need to be integrated and address climate change. Concerned that sea level rise and lack of water are missing from the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and need to be dealt with. On page 4 of the proposed work plan she would like to see the following organizations included in the Community Outreach and Engagement: food security folks, WRIA, alternative energy folks, Conservations Futures and Land Trust, local Chamber of Commerce. She suggested education and outreach could include WSU, Peninsula College, Goddard College, new center in Fort Worden, K – 12. Coordinated Water System Plans (City & PUD) are vitally important.
- Michelle Sandoval explained she was invited and attended a conference at the Naval War College in Rhode Island on energy and how it affects national security. The Navy expects to use 50% alternative energy for Naval buildings in 2012. They also explained the geopolitical affects of the extreme lack of water. She also attended the BALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies) Conference in Bellingham.

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- Phil Johnson stated the three commissioners attended NACo (National Association of Counties) in Portland. Addressed Net Zero and explained how Portland converted an old FBI building. He came away with the bottomline: energy conservation = money in pockets. Wondered if air exchangers are part of the building code.
- David Sullivan mentioned the county will have to review and revise the regulations for the Tri-Area UGA. This gives the county the opportunity to review something a decade or so after it was first envisioned. End of phase 4 of watershed planning. There is no phase 5. Funding runs out in October. Concerned there will be a lag between funding and next step. Also, there is a need to focus development in the UGAs but remember there are other economic centers (ex. Quilcene & Brinnon). He has suggestions.
- David King likes the balance of the immediate measures without minimizing the overwhelming nature of the issue. Figure out messages of success that can be broadcast to the community. Would like to see process for bringing new ideas forward added to the plan. Don't miss the opportunity to bring instruction to the federal government that this is a priority. The committee did a good job.
- Kris Nelson read through the plan and was daunted by the edited list of measures. Glad the committee switched to public outreach. Likes the charts in the back of the plan that describe actions that can be taken at home and in business. EnviroStars had slow start but is now successful. Remembers approving the Resource Conservation Manager (RCM) but she hasn't heard any more about it. Kees Kolff explained that Brian Goldstein, RCM, is on vacation with his children and could not attend the meeting.
- George Randels gave the committee kudos for their work. Would like to see the full list of measures in the appendix so people can use it as a trigger to develop new ideas.
- Laurie Medlicott echoed the thanks to the committee. The committee has done a prodigious body of work. She would like to encourage the committee to focus on teaching how the community can participate to lower their carbon footprint.
- Catharine Robinson would like to support the committee to extend past 2011. Impressed with the amount of work by the volunteers.
- Mark Welch would like to give the committee kudos. There was student representation on the CAC. Tim Behrenfeld, environmental science teacher, was also a part of the committee. Supports extending the committee.
- David Sullivan commented the RTPO (Regional Transportation Planning Organization) has made an effort to connect with neighbors. Need to connect more with Whidbey Island. Great to do this locally but regional has an effect too.
- Kees Kolff stated Clallam adopted similar target for government. Port Angeles and Sequim do not have plans.
- Kees Kolff asked if the committee members wanted to make comments.
- Joanna Loehr thanked the committee, the BoCC and City Council.

- Stanley Willard feels the group is on target and is really working together.
- Scott Walker commented that by getting people out of cars and giving them alternatives saves people money so they can spend it locally. Investment in walking and transit will pay back immensely.
- Barney Burke stated currently PSE's energy comes from 30% coal and 30% natural gas. BPA power through the PUD will be 80% hydroelectric and 20% nuclear.
- Bill Miller is on the Jefferson County Planning Commission. The PC has been working on food security.
- John Austin commented that sometimes people who work on the environment are seen as impractical. The committee spent a lot of time on developing reasonable alternatives and measures.
- Michelle Sandoval would like to see the suggestions presented incorporated into the plan and work plan.
- Kees Kolff wanted clarification on the process for revisions to the plan.
- David King clarified that the revisions he heard this evening were additive and clarifying not revolutionary. The plan is in the good hands of the committee.
- Kees Kolff stated the committee can provide a track changes version to the City Council and BoCC for their review.
- Judy Surber clarified what is preferred is joint session, however, in lieu of that, items have been given a first reading at the City Council meeting, the BoCC approves the resolution and the city approves their next meeting. She suggested the comments back to the committee be limited to what was stated this evening. The revisions to the Climate Action Plan, the revised work plan and the extension of the committee can be done at the same time in one resolution.
- Kees Kolff and Judy Surber reviewed the process as follows:
 - The City Council and BoCC will give their comments to their respective clerks no later than August 15. The comments will be limited to the record established this evening.
 - The clerks will forward the comments to staff to work with the CAC on the revisions.
- Since the comments for revisions to the Climate Action Plan will be limited to those presented in the record this evening, Philip Morley presented the following items for consideration:
 - Action items on pages 37 and 38 would like to make refinements to who the leads would be
 - May be some wordsmithing about implementing measures when funds are available.
- Kees Kolff suggested that one item on the city list (1.12) regarding the wetland wastewater treatment alternative should be reconsidered and added to the appendix. Removing the measure would still keep the city on target for meeting its 2020 goal.
- David Sullivan expressed concern the committee had expired per the sunset clause. Kees Kolff mentioned Al Scalf had the authority to extend the committee and did so prior to the expiration. The information was not included in the appendix and he suggested adding the letter to the appendix of the plan.

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- John Austin mentioned the City Council and Board of County Commissioners at this time could continue with the agenda and discuss future opportunities to collaborate or since it was late he would entertain motions to adjourn.
- Michelle Sandoval made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by John Austin. Meeting ended at approximately 8:28 p.m.