



Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes November 26, 2019

Attendance: Tim Ellis, Mari Atkinson, Mayor Gregerson, Anne Swadener, Debbie King, Richard Emory, Nancy Passovoy, Christine Cook, Nick Ness, Allison Woodbury, Eliza Kirk

Committee Chair Tim Ellis brought the meeting to order at 6pm.

The meeting began with a round table on the subteam topics. Each member shared what they thought went well and what did not.

Debbie said that attempts to reach Richard Emory were unsuccessful, but that the remaining team members had good dialogue.

Tim said his team also had good dialogue, but that he thought Nick's team did a better job at completing the template.

Mari enjoyed the meeting and the applications of impact and changeability.

Nick felt like his team could speak freely and made good progress.

Allison thought the meeting was good, but that the team could have gone more in depth.

Chris's only negative was not being able to keep up with Nick.

Anne felt that the subteam meeting was quick, on point, and that the "synapses were firing."

After the roundtable, Tim announced the meeting agenda:

- Review minutes
- Go into detailed look at report and results of subcommittee meetings
- Look at next steps
- Prepare for the December 9th report to the city council

The EV subteam went first in reporting the results of their meeting.

Debbie discussed the importance of installing on site battery storage and connect to the grid for consistent charge without surging the grid.

The committee took a moment to review and correct the past meeting's minutes before returning to the EV team's presentation.

The EV subteam went over their output. They discussed installing chargers (including individual resident chargers), and whether or not the word "hybrid" should be included in the report alongside "electric vehicles." Nick had concerns about whether technology will have developed in time for there to be electric fire vehicles, and felt hybrids should be included. Richard also

thought hybrids were a good compromise. Mayor Gregerson said shooting for all EVs was a good goal. The rest of the committee agreed, and the word hybrid was kept.

Nick questioned whether bigger businesses should be included, specifically Boeing and their shuttle.

Anne brought up battery production and its negative impact.

Chris wondered what a power outage would mean on an all electric grid, and whether the city had enough generators.

The Trees and Plants group went next.

Nick talked about how their team started with end goals and went from there.

Their genie goal is to dedicate 100% of available space to CO2 sequestering plants in order to lower CO2 levels, remove GHG from the air, help bees and people, and protect undeveloped land.

The subteam came up with the following ideas for meeting these goals:

- Installing green roofs on bus stops
- Protecting wetlands
- Having a tree planting goal (an example would be 1000 trees over 10 years)
- An Adopt-A-Tree program for residents and businesses (with kudos in the paper)
- Provide residents with information on responsible tree-cutting and removal
- Create 1 new park/garden per year
- Park acquisition fund- have developers pay when they build in Mukilteo

Nick added that he counted 70 Community Transit bus stops in Mukilteo. Instead of replacing them in order to add a green roof, the roof could be modified to accommodate plants. An Adopt-A-Stop program could be created to help pay for the updates.

The team identified developers and residents' attachment to their homes' views as the major roadblocks.

The Hearts and Minds team went next.

Allison shared that the team's goal was to make people aware of climate change's effects.

The team had the following ideas for raising awareness:

- Install a "Future Sea Level" sign at the Lighthouse Beach
- Create a Youtube channel
- Have a booth at Lighthouse Festival



Nick added that teachers should be trained on how to incorporate climate science into their curriculum in order to reach kids.

Debbie thought that a booth at the farmers' market and a Facebook page would reach a lot of people. She also brought up the issue of composting in condos, apartments, and duplexes. The mayor agreed that compost and recycling should be required.

Richard said that the Kamiak Key Club and National Honor Society could provide any necessary volunteers.

Allison said that the Kamiak Visual Communication class could help with the Youtube channel.

The committee reviewed the draft of the report for the December 9 meeting with the city council. Members suggested various changes to the report.

Chair Tim Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Next meeting: 1/7/2020

Eliza Kirk, Co-secretary