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**Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes
Mukilteo City Hall – 11930 Cyrus Way**

Attendance: Tim Ellis, Mari Atkinson, Mayor Gregerson, Debbie King, Richard Emory, Nancy Passovoy, Nick Ness, Eliza Kirk

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

The meeting opened with a roundtable on climate change news. Mari shared an article on Norway's impressive recycling program (97% of plastic is recycled), Nick mentioned the tragic Australian wildfires, Mayor Gregerson recommended a show called "Occupied" about a hypothetical future in which Norway becomes energy independent, Richard shared a climate solutions book called *DrawDown*, Eliza brought up a water dispute between Georgia and Florida, Debbie talked about the cancellation of emissions testing, and Tim highlighted Governor Inslee's focus on cleaner cars.

Minutes from the previous meeting (November 26, 2019) were reviewed and accepted.

The committee then went over questions asked by city council members on December 9, 2019, when members of the committee gave an interim report on the committee's progress. The council's main concerns from December 9 are listed below:

- The added expense on tax payers
- PUD and PSA involvement in energy modifications
- Travel- specifically the release of greenhouse gases via airplanes

The committee discussed what 100% by 2045 means for Mukilteo.

Debbie responded that, to her, it means 100% clean, renewable energy.

Richard added that the words "clean" and "renewable" need to be defined, as some sources of energy are one but not the other. For example, nuclear is clean but not renewable. Debbie agreed that nuclear power is not renewable.

Nick said that 100% clean energy means focusing on wind, solar, and water power sources. He emphasized the importance of exploring innovative and low-impact approaches, such as using water turbines powered by currents.

The committee examined the gaps in Mukilteo's current energy situation, pinpointing places where the city was nowhere near 100% clean energy.

- Transportation- type of vehicles and number of vehicles on the road; infrastructure is needed to support increased cycling and walking
- Buildings- Heating, refrigeration/cooling, natural gas, electricity; the committee identified HOAs as being a major roadblock to building improvements

Chair Ellis assigned "homework" to committee members in order to determine what the scope of the committee is and to gain inspiration from other cities' climate action plans. Richard, Nick, and Chair Ellis were assigned the Everett plan; Debbie, Mari, and Eliza were assigned the East Hampton plan; and Allison, Anne, and Chair Ellis (if needed) were assigned the Edmonds plan. The sub-teams were directed to meet before the next committee meeting and to identify actions or areas listed in their assigned action plan that could be applied to the Mukilteo Climate Action Plan.

The committee finished by looking at the East Hampton plan as an example of what to look for in the other plans.

Chair Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

Next meeting: January 28, 2020

Eliza Kirk, Co-secretary