

Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (CEPAC)

Draft Minutes

January 09, 2025, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

1.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

PRESENT: Piper Banks, Kiera Reitz, Gary Shaff, Sharon Dohrmann, Bryan Sohl, Richard Barth, Sidney Brown, Mark Morrison, Eric Ahnmark, Jennie Christopherson, Kip Barrett **OPEN POSITIONS:**

ABSENT:

1.1. CITY COUNCIL: Bob Kaplan and Jeff Dahle

1.2. STAFF: Chad Woodward & Jordan Rooklyn

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. Minutes- Approved with amendment to Barth's motion.

Motion to approve with amendment made by Morrison. Seconded by Ahnmark.

Approved unanimously.

3. Public Forum- Limited to Non-Agenda Items

3.1. Mark Haneberg- Purchased EV and requested a permit from the city to install a level 2 charger so he can charge it on the street. Complicated process and he was denied a permit due to the city's right of way and privatization of public parking spaces. He hopes for the council to consider allowing curb side charging for EV's due to the increased push for consumers to make the switch.

4. Updates/Announcements

4.1. Council Update –

4.1.1. Jeff Dahle- See Click Fix App launched for reporting hazards.

4.1.2. Bob Kaplan- Discussed the process for staying on as the staff liaison.

4.2. Staff Update –

4.2.1. Chad Woodward- Electrification ordinance scheduled for January 21 lookahead for potential first reading to Council with the potential follow up on February 4th. Language sent to Avista in December to comply with the franchise agreements required 30-day notice. RESP loan conversation will not happen before January 30th. Contact with D.C. nonprofit believes that change in administration will not affect the loan process. Pass-through heat pumps pilot program approved by Council. Conservation Division group meetings happen monthly. Considering new heat pump & window incentives.

4.3. Chair Update –

4.3.1. Mark Morrison-

4.4. Other Committee Members Update-

5. Old Business

5.1. Carbon Pollution Fee Impact Ordinance- First reading on January 21, 2025. This ordinance is the descendant of the RCAT Ordinance that was brought before council. CEPAC members can submit requests to ask council questions about the ordinance at the above mentioned meeting. Ordinance does not contain a No NOX standards and right of way provisions, as was originally advised by CEPAC. Ordinance now contains a carbon fee for appliances in new residential construction, as well as reporting standards for fossil fuel providers regarding city-wide fuel consumption. Fees collected to be contributed to the general fund to cover the staff time required.

Motion to enable CEPA Chair to make comments in support of the Carbon Pollution Fee Ordinance at the January 21, 2025, Council Meeting made by Barrett. Seconded by Shaff.

Approved unanimously.

5.2. Small Engines Plan edit-

Motion to amend the GPLC recommendation from December's meeting to specify "walk behind" lawn mowers, as opposed to the original recommendation that included all lawn mowers, made by Shaff. Seconded by Brown. Approved with two abstains.

5.3. AVISTA Franchise Agreement Renewal

5.3.1.Require Reporting on City-Wide Gas usage

5.3.2.Require Reporting on Gas "Losses" in city, and upstream? (Brown)

5.3.3.Changing the City Franchise Fee – hardship and equity concerns- Patched roads from repairs to fossil fuel infrastructure fail faster and, therefore, need to be repaired more frequently. A higher franchise fee could help cover the cost of repairing roads. Staff to contact Public Works to see if there is a way of determining cost to repair roads after patching from other utility companies. Finding out if the franchise fee covers the cost of repairs.

5.3.4.Right-of-way limits on new fossil fuel infrastructure- Council elected not to add a right of way limit to Carbon Pollution Fee Ordinance. Shaff suggests recommending to the council that there be no right of way for new fossil fuel infrastructure in new residential developments. Discussed how this could affect the franchise agreement.

6. New Business

6.1. Work Plan 2025

6.1.1.Gas taxes that have been administered by Cities in Oregon and how they could benefit the city, as well as incentivizing bike travel.

7. Adjourn-6:00pm

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Work Session Minutes

January 8, 2025, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
51 Winburn Way, Ashland, OR 97520

1. Call to Order 3:00

2. Attendance

2.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Sharon Dorhmann, Gary Shaff, Mark Morrisson, Bryan Sohl

2.2. CITY COUNCIL: N/A

2.3. STAFF: Chad Woodward, Jordan Rooklyn

2.4. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Linda Adams-Peterson, Dylan Dahle

3. Transportation Planning Discussion

3.1. There was a discussion of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) timeline and the delays that have occurred so far. Along with a discussion of the need to complete the Climate Friendly Areas work prior to completing the TSP.

3.2. Rooklyn shared that the goal is to have TSP completed in the next biennium and that the city can work on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), but not on non-CIP projects in the TSP (need to wait for funding purposes).

3.3. Discussion about city process of CIP and TSP interrelation along with funding priorities and resources

3.4. Discussion of the need for robust community involvement for these programs.

3.5. Discussion of existing plans for bike lanes, priorities and costs.

3.6. Discussion of revenue sources:

3.6.1.Shaff – PDX gets 50% of transportation revenue from parking fees

3.6.2.Discussion of parking meters

3.7. Safe Routes to School discussion

3.8. Shaff – goal to identify issues with TAC and then CEPAC to make CEPAC related recommendations. Shaff – goal to create the implementation elements

4. March 12th – next meeting

5. Adjourned 4:30

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Climate and Environment Collaboration Minutes

January 22, 2025, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
51 Winburn Way, Ashland, OR 97520

1. **Call to Order 3:00**

2. **Attendance**

2.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bryan Sohl, Rick Barth, Gary Shaff, Mark Morrison

2.2. CITY COUNCIL: N/A

2.3. STAFF: Chad Woodward

2.4. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: N/A

2.5. Community Participants: Daniel Scotten, Erin O’kelly Muck, Jess Grady-Benson

3. **Discussion**

3.1. The various organizations were invited to share their near-term work plans:

3.2. Ashland Climate Collaborative – goal is to help the city meet its climate goals.

3.2.1. Discussed their various subgroups and their primary audience (adults in Ashland who want to make a climate difference).

3.2.2. Goals –

3.2.2.1. Empower/education/action

3.2.2.2. Partnerships

3.2.2.3. Capacity

3.2.2.4. Vulnerable community members

3.3. SOCAN - Strategic Plan due out soon to be built around three pillars:

3.3.1.1. Educate (Climate in the classroom, Workshops/Presentations)

3.3.1.2. Community Involvement (Science Advisory Panel)

3.3.1.3. Business and Government (local action teams, policy work, green business)

3.4. Rogue Climate -spoke about core strategic areas:

3.4.1.1. Community Power (Strengthen Infrastructure, Fossil fuel work, Heat Pump deployment, community resilience).

3.4.2. Legislative session

3.4.3. Nuclear data centers

3.4.4. New ED process

3.4.5. CEPAC - review of short and long term goals

3.4.5.1. Work with community groups

3.4.5.2. Community Education

3.5. City – Climate and Energy Analyst work

3.5.1. Launching new programs – Home Energy Score, on bill financing, Pass through heat pump (PTHP), Climate Pollution Impact Fee,

3.5.2. Expand EV chargers

3.5.3. CEAP Review

3.5.4. Funding

4. **Discussion of goals**

4.1. Rick shared some likely general goals and specific ideas. This was followed by a discussion of the goals.

4.2. Bryan discussed the need for a document to galvanize people around

- 4.3. Gary – discussed the need for specificity about what needs to be done.
- 4.4. ACC update of outreach actions (website, articles, social media)

5. Next meeting 4th Wednesday of March

6. Adjourned 4:30