

Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (CEPAC)

Draft Minutes

July 11, 2024 5:30-7:30PM

1. Call to Order

1.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

PRESENT: Piper Banks, Kip Barrett, Kiera Reitz, Gary Shaff, Sharon Dohrmann, Bryan Sohl, Colin Bishopp, Richard Barth, Eric Ahnmark, Mark Morrison, Sidney Brown **OPEN POSITIONS: 1**

ABSENT: Cat Gould, Becs Walker

1.1. CITY COUNCIL: Bob Kaplan & Jeff Dahle

1.2. STAFF: Chad Woodward

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. Minutes- Approved.

Motion to approve made by Mark Morrison. Seconded by Sidney Dohrman.
Approved unanimously.

3. Updates/Announcements

3.1. Council Update –

3.1.1. Jeff Dahle- No update

3.1.2. Bob Kaplan- Only one study session but no updates pertaining to the committee.

3.2. Staff Update –

3.2.1. Chad Woodward

3.2.1.1. RESP- Delay in reviewing documents in former resolution. Bond attorney's reviewing and in contact with RESP Attorneys. Building permit slideshow presented regarding new and replacement furnace vs gas heat pump installation.

3.2.1.2. EECBG- Received. Need to be signed and formalized.

3.2.1.3. Ordinance Update- made aware of a carbon charge that was passed by The City Council of Burlington Vermont. Code language has been reviewed by attorney. Risk assessment being investigated. Discussion followed regarding what direction the ordinance should be directed to ban gas infrastructure.

3.3. Chair Update –

3.3.1. Bryan Sohl- New director of ACC to be invited in August or September. One open membership spot available, ideally will be under 35. One candidate to be interviewed is over 35. Cat Gould to be leaving the committee come August. Becs Walker seeking someone from SOU to take her position if time change isn't available.

3.4. Other Committee Members Update-

3.4.1. Recology- Eric Ahnmark- New General Manager began 2 weeks prior. He's interested in a waste characterization study.

1. **Call to Order 3:00**
2. **Attendance**
 - 2.1. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Gary Shaff, Mark Morrison, Sidney Brown
 - 2.2. **CITY COUNCIL:** Jeff Dahle, Bob Kaplan,
 - 2.3. **STAFF:** Chad Woodward
 - 2.4. **OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** N/A
 - 2.5. **Invited Guest:** None
 - 2.6. **Others:** David McCallister,

3. Open Discussion - Small Engines

3.1. Gary had a presentation - Slides:

- a. Why phase out lawn and garden equipment?
- b. Incentives slide
- c. Gary - get a general agreement on the package
- d. Focus on commercial lawn and garden first – due to impact on residential neighborhoods.
 - i. Comment that it should be broader and include all.
 - ii. Discussion of a phase into other areas later.
- e. Jeff – How does lawn and garden equipment fit in the CEAP?
 - i. Quantify GHG impact of equipment.
 - ii. What is the primary goal?
- f. Where does a phase out apply?
 - i. ½ acer or smaller
- g. When – timing of devices.
- h. Feedback on slides:
 - i. More feedback on L&G emissions – how do we measure it.
 - ii. Incentives –
 - 1. Feedback on not limiting by race/gender
 - 2. Discussion about timing, goal would be to have an incentive in place for an entire calendar year before the ban.
 - 3. Discussion of mechanics of retailers and turn in. Do you require turning in the old equipment.
 - iii. Who to regulate?
 - 1. Percent of people who mow their own lawn versus hire it out.
- i. Discussion on if ready for CEPAC or to bring it back to Meeting Group
 - i. Decision to bring back and discuss one more in a work session.
- j. Want from Parks – progress making and experience.
- k. Chad to check with parks.

4. Adjourned – 4:40.