

Borough of Carlisle
Climate Action Commission
Executive Committee Minutes
November 18, 2021
7:00 PM

- I. Joel Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present at the meeting: Joel Hicks, Karla Farrell, Tony Underwood, Deputy Mayor Sean Shultz, Mitch Shiles, Public Information Coordinator Stephanie Taylor and Borough Secretary Joyce Stone.

II. Meeting Minutes

- A. Due to the absence of a quorum of the Executive Committee, the October 21, 2021 meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

III. Public Comment

No public comment was heard

IV. Chair updates

Mitch Stiles was welcomed to the commission as a representative for the Community Engagement Team.

- A. Discussion of Final Climate Action Plan (CAP) (draft)

There was discussion of preparing and presenting the draft Action Plan to Borough Council. Mr. Hicks noted the primary objective of this plan is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and identifying co-benefits. He emphasized that this will be a living document, making amendments on a recurring basis.

- B. Discuss CAC EC potential meeting dates for final CAP approval

The Commission scheduled an AD-HOC meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and finalize the Climate Action Plan to present to Council at the December 1, 2021 Workshop meeting.

V. Discussion of SB 275 and HB 1947

The Commission members discussed a letter of opposition to Senate Bill 275 and House Bill 1947 that would prohibit municipalities from discriminating against a utility service based on the type of source of energy. The letter states, "This legislation would expose municipalities with climate policies, incentives and actions that go beyond municipal operations to claims of discrimination by the energy industry. As written, the broad language in both bills leave a wide gap for subjective interpretation of what is actually being prohibited, making them dangerous bills for local governments and taxpayers alike." The letter will be forwarded to the Mayor for approval.

VI. Team Lead Updates:**A. Community Engagement: Mitch Stiles**

The team is working on a door hangers that would outline the six major parts of the plan. The team will begin organizing community meetings at locations outside of Borough Hall.

B. Pathways & Analytics: Tony Underwood

The team has completed their fact sheets, which will be converted in to the Climate Action Plan.

C. Zoning: Karla Farrell

The team is working on their recommendations to the Climate Action Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the roll of the CAC moving forward and how to implement that process. Mr. Hicks suggested obtaining direction from the newly hired Sustainability Community & Economic Planning Director.

The Commission members made the following recommendations for outreach:

- Engage with the public by attending the Neighborhood meetings.
- Hold public educational events
- Participate in a Dickinson College worldwide Teach-In on Climate Injustice on March 30, 2022.

A draft of the Climate Action Plan will be presented to Council at the December 1, 2021 Workshop meeting. The draft plan will then be open for public comment and brought back to Council for their approval at the January 13, 2022 council meeting.

VII. Other EC member Updates

None were heard

VIII. Next Meeting Date:

November 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10