

Borough of Carlisle
Climate Action Committee
Executive Committee Minutes
May 3, 2022
6:00 PM

Committee members present at the meeting: Joel Hicks, Karla Farrell, Tony Underwood, Mitch Shiles, Dave Sheridan and Sustainable Community & Economic Planning Director Jared Woolston. Others in attendance: Public Information Coordinator Stephanie Taylor, and Borough Secretary Joyce Stone.

I. Call to Order

Joel Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Meeting Minutes

A. The Executive Committee voted 4-0 to the April 5, 2022 minutes. (Hicks/Farrell)

III. Public Comment

No public comment was heard

IV. Introductory Remarks:

A. Earth Day Recognition

Joel Hicks thanked Jessica Miller of Earth Artisan & Outfitters and Stephanie Gilbert from Destination Carlisle for organizing the recent Earth Day event. He acknowledge them for bringing attention to the need for showing respect to the earth and being aware of our natural resources and preserving them. Other participants in the event were Borough Parks & Recreation, Letort Regional Authority, Clean Air Board, Nature Conservancy and members of the CAC Engagement Team.

B. Breakfast with PPL President Steph Raymond

Joel Hicks attended a breakfast with PPL staff where they recognized and supported the work that Carlisle is doing regarding climate action. Mr. Hicks shared with PPL the objectives of the CAC and the concerns for the struggles that low-income residents have with rising energy bills and landlords that have no incentive to make energy efficiency upgrades. There was discussion of PPL and the Borough partnering in a coordinated approach to address this concern. Mr. Hicks remarked that there is a lot of win-win potential in getting a program going.

C. The CAC voted 4-0 to approve the generation of a Local Government Operations (LGO) GHG Inventory using Clearpath for Carlisle Borough. [This item will need final approval from Steering Committee to commit borough resources for data retrieval/collection]. (Hicks/Shiles)

There are two types of inventories, Community inventory and Local Government Operations (LGO). The greenhouse gas inventories data for residential is provided directly from PPL and UGI. The LGO inventory is collected from the buildings and properties owned by the Borough. To generate this inventory, the data will be input into ClearPath. Mr. Hicks recommended that the greenhouse gas inventories be updated every 3 to 4 years.

V. Team/TF Lead Updates:**A. Community Engagement:**

Mitch Shiles noted the team is organizing the following community outreach events:

- The first being a focus group on June 20th at the Professional Educational Empowerment Center on Penn Street. The purpose is to interact with the community and work on residential action and receive input from the residents.

- Workshops Topics
 - E-bike
 - Solar air heaters
 - Phase change passive heating module

He remarked the Community Engagement team will be allocating \$3,000.00 in mini grants for small business and community organizations.

B. Pathways & Analytics: Tony Underwood

No update.

C. Energy Efficiency and Behavior Task Force:

Karla Farrell remarked that the team is in the process of putting together a program to identify qualifying structures where at least fifty percent of the tenants have incomes below 150 percent of the median poverty level for the county. The structures would undergo a complete energy audit that would be funded by PPL to identify high-impact energy efficiency improvement upgrades. This information will be used to offer money to supplement energy efficiency improvements such as heating systems and insulation to lower the cost of the energy bills.

D. Transportation Task Force:

David Sheridan noted his team met with a consultant who specializes in sustainability and energy issues largely serving non-profits and municipalities. They discussed the infrastructure bill which will provide Pennsylvania with 25 million dollars to focus on alternative fuel corridors such as interstate 81 and 76. The bill will provide 50-mile spacing of EV charging stations on these corridors. This funding plan will be made available to the public in the near future. Mr. Sheridan noted there is a bill in the legislature regarding funding for home charging stations. He also noted that the Borough has plans to install a bike lane on Bedford Street.

Mr. Hicks remarked that Dickinson College students have been working on an EV infrastructure project and they will convey their recommendations in the near future.

E. Decarbonization Task Force: Vacant**VI. Other EC member Updates**

No comments were heard.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57

Respectfully Submitted,


Joyce Stone