

Borough of Carlisle
Climate Action Committee
Executive Committee Minutes
July 5, 2022
6:00 PM

Committee members present at the meeting: Joel Hicks, Karla Farrell, Mitch Shiles, Dave Sheridan, Tamela Trussell, Mayor Shultz and Sustainable Community & Economic Planning Director Jared Woolston. Others in attendance: Public Information Coordinator Stephanie Taylor

I. Call to Order:

Joel Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

II. Meeting Minutes

A. Executive Committee 7-0 voted to approve the June 7, 2022 minutes (Hick/Shultz)

III. Public Comment

No public comment were heard.

IV. Introductory Remarks:

A. CAC Chair Comments

Councilor Hicks reported that the Supreme Court has decided the EPA will not have as much flexibility to determine the best system requirement that the clean power plan had utilized. The state currently were given flexibility to offset the emissions that were coming from existing coal fire power plans and allowed them to make up for those carbon emissions through carbon trading with other states. This practice was considered broad by the Supreme Court and that the EPA can regulate just not as broadly. Councilor Hicks noted it does reinforce the importance of meeting our goals in conjunction with the Reggie that is a power plant carbon trading system through nine states.

Discussion was held regarding a CAC meeting schedule change. There was consensus among the committee to change the meetings to the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 PM, beginning in September. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Hicks introduced the SharePoint program as a home point of reference for all of the committees' activities and files. The committee members will utilize this software to input and update their findings and activities. This will allow the information to be accessible to other members and will be more deliberate in the planning.

B. Open Discussion – Discuss pathway toward making recommendation regarding single-use plastic (SUP) bag usage for retail sale.

Tamela Trussell provided single use plastic statics that correlate to greenhouse gas emissions.

- ✓ Annually five trillion plastic bags are consumed.
- ✓ Less than one percent of plastics bags are recycled.
- ✓ Average American family uses 15,000 plastic bags per year.
- ✓ 12 billion barrels of oil are used to manufacture the annual number of plastic bags. This is a day's worth of American crude oil that is used to make thin plastic bags.

- ✓ Currently, 10 percent of fossil fuels are used to make plastic products and by 2050, 20 percent will be used.
- ✓ 12 plastic bags are equal to the amount of fossil fuel to drive one mile.

Ms. Trussell suggested to think beyond addressing just plastic bags and include plastic straws, polystyrene and balloon releases. She recommends focusing on all of these plastic items collectively to maximize the effort and have a larger impact. Councilor Hicks responded that the Climate Action Plan does address single use plastic bags and that if businesses and residents become receptive to reducing other plastic products, they could be incorporated into the plan.

V. Team/TF Lead Updates:

A. Community Engagement:

Mitch Shiles reported that the team held a focus group meeting to discuss transportation that was not well attended. He hopes there will be greater attendance for future focus group meetings once residents become aware that the meetings are open discussions. The topic for the next meeting scheduled for July 11 is “Energy Efficiency in Rental Housing”.

Pathways & Analytics: Tony Underwood

No Report

B. Energy Efficiency and Behavior Task Force:

Karla Farrell noted that PPL sent information of programs they presently have available for residents.

- ✓ Financial help with high bills and unable to pay
- ✓ Appliance Rebates

The team plans to meet with PPL and also schedule energy audits to share consumption data with the Borough.

C. Transportation Task Force:

David Sheridan reported that the task force met to establish the following subcommittees and assign leads.

EV Charging Stations Commercial/Private/Public/Traveler – Dave Sheridan

- ✓ Focus on prospective pathways for non-vehicular residential access in the Borough.
- ✓ Pomfret Street Parking Garage Hub – Jeff Bergsten
 - EV Charging Stations
 - Bicycle Storage
 - E-bike Rentals
- ✓ Internal Combustion Vehicles and conversion to electric vehicles – Rick Friebe

Councilor Hicks suggested obtaining an assessment of parking lot utilization of all of our public parking lots. The information would be used to consider the placing of an EV charging station or an EV parking spot for a low-cost incentive. Mayor Shultz will ask Borough staff to provide the information they have currently available.

D. Decarbonization Task Force: Vacant

No Report

VI. Other EC member Updates

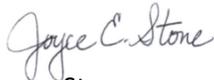
Mayor Shultz shared that due to the high bid rate, the Borough has elected to contract with the state for fleet fuel and not the consortium. This cost realization helped to underscore the need for the Borough to move away from fossil fuel, internal combustion vehicles. He noted the work of the Climate Action Committee is important not just for the climate but for the bottom line of the Borough

The next meeting will be held on August 2, at 6:00 PM. Beginning in September the CAC meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce Stone