

Meeting Notes

Climate Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1 February 6, 2019 12-1:30pm

Attendance:

Joel Carlson – Sierra Club
Mason Rolph – Olympia Community Solar
Jeff Johnston – Thurston Climate Action Team
Thomasina Cooper – Thurston County Board of
County Commissioners (on behalf of Ty Menser)
Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey
Tom Olivia – City of Tumwater
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater
Abby Ruskey – Consultant and TCRRP
Tom Crawford – TCAT

Phyllis Farrell – Sierra Club
Kelsey Hulse – PSE
Chris Hawkins – Thurston County Public Health
Rich Hoey – City of Olympia
Nathaniel Jones – City of Olympia
Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia
Jessica Brandt – City of Lacey
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey
Rick Walk – City of Lacey

TRPC Staff:

Karen Parkhurst
Mike Burnham
Marc Daily

Paul Brewster
Sara Porter

Agenda Item 1: Introductions

Agenda Item 2: Overview of Agenda, Meeting Materials, and Decision Points

- No discussion or questions

Agenda Item 3: Project Overview Presentation

- No discussion or questions

Agenda Item 4: Review and approval of draft charter for Steering Committee

- Nathaniel Jones and Lisa Parshley requested that they have one vote for the two of them, so they could be 2 co-leads for this project process with one vote.
- Carolyn Cox stated that Lacey would also like that arrangement.
- The committee approved with a thumbs up that having 2 co-leads with one vote would be appropriate.
- It was stated Tumwater and Thurston County could have the same arrangement if they would like.
- The change to the charter agreement was approved that there may be two co-leads with one vote for each jurisdiction.
- The charter agreement was approved.

Agenda Item 5: Overview of Draft Schedule

- Edits for the plan; carry first column onto both pages and get rid of ditto marks. Olympia is hoping to get some early action items for their 2020 plan from this committee.

- Lacey is also hoping to get early action items for their 2020 plan. Make sure to spread public outreach to the entire community and not just Olympia.

TRPC to do: Edits to the plan, carry first column onto both pages and get rid of ditto marks.

Agenda Item 6: Overview of Consultant Team RFQ/P

- Change pacific daylight time to pacific standard time.
- Discussion about adding a request in the RFQ/P that the consultant has a strong science background. It is a worry that the consultant wouldn't have a climate change, or science background, and it would be good for the consultant to also have some institutional knowledge. It was stated by many committee members that the consultant team should have a strong science background.
 - Through the interview process it should become clear if the consultant has the correct experience and background.
 - It was stated not to add too narrow the focus too much, so the pool of candidates isn't limited too much.
 - The appropriate place to add relevant experience, and science background would be good in the purpose, so it is upfront in the RFQ/P
 - Suggestion of adding evidence-based approach, or science-based approach would help clarify the wants of a science background and experience.

TRPC to do: Change PDT to PST. Add evidence-based approach to the purpose section and on page 6 section A. add relevant experience and qualifications to page 6 section B.

- Comment: There is a quick turnaround between interviewing and choosing a consultant, so there will be some work to do in a short timeframe.
- Will there be a group or subset for the interview panel? There will be a team of 8 which includes a policy maker and staff from each jurisdiction. Policy makers will choose who is available to come for them.

TRPC to do: Mike will query for interview dates and times.

- There will not be a separate meeting of the steering committee to narrow down the pool of applicants.
- Depending on the number of candidates applying, TRPC will narrow down the pool of applicants to a manageable amount.

Agenda Item 7: Overview of Stakeholder Committee List

- What about the tribes?
 - There is an inter-local agreement between the 4 jurisdictions. Would it be appropriate to bring them to the table?
 - The tribes are sovereign nations and should be treated and respected as such. They probably wouldn't want to be a part of the stakeholder group and if anything should be part of the steering committee.
 - We should reach out to the tribe and ask them how they would like to be a part of this group because getting feedback from the tribes is important.
 - Sometimes the tribes are used as "consultants" to a group or committee.
 - The table isn't the place for the tribes now, but they should be involved when it is appropriate.
 - A forum of policy makers with tribes might be the best way to include the tribes at key decision points throughout this process.

TRPC to do: Marc will reach out to the tribes and as how they would like to participate. He will draft a letter and the mayors of the jurisdictions and county commissioners will sign it as well.

- Students and younger people?
 - The steering committee is made up of older people and younger people (high schoolers) should be involved. Questions about how many students, students from what schools, the time commitment for the students, weighting of the students vote on the committee, and to target the level of information to their level were discussed.
 - What events could they be engaged with?
 - The consultant should include in their outreach plan, how to engage students.
 - High school students should help design the outreach to them.
- SPSCC? Is there someone on the faculty who should be involved? It would be good to have a direct channel to the school
- As the process moves forward the stakeholder meeting will become more focused and smaller groups depending on specialty and experience may be used depending on the issues at hand.
- Buildings and energy?
 - There are 2 banks and we should include a co-op. There is a co-op listed as an alternate.
- Transportation and land use?
 - Do we need a bicycle representative? A non-motorized representative.
 - Land use is underrepresented. (Mike and Kathy McCormick?)
 - Land use is overrepresented at the staff level.
 - Don't forget autonomous vehicles.
- Do we need an ADA representative?

Agenda Item 9: Public Comment

- Time was running short so public comment was moved up in the agenda.
- Lynn Fitzhugh: We will be making decisions for young people, and we need to get high schoolers to the table.
- Tom Crawford: The process. It might be more efficient to base actions on analysis in an evidence-based way, rather than just starting from scratch with ideas. There has been a lot of recommendations from many groups and studies, so how about looking at what has worked and having the steering committee and public meetings start with those.
- Abbey Ruskey: Thurston County Climate Action Convention will focus on solutions. We can look to them for local solutions. The convention is in April.
- Barb: Action groups should be included and more people from environmental groups such as Audubon, and Sierra Club.
- Tom Crawford: Should get a person from the Climate Activist group, or the coordinating council from the Climate Action Team.
- Mason Rolph: The stakeholder group is missing someone from renewable energy. He is with Olympia Community Solar and would volunteer to fill that role.
- Helen Wheatly: There should be someone from social justice in the stakeholder group, maybe the labor union as well. Didn't have a specific person as suggestion. Maybe the landlord association.

TRPC to do: Mike with tinker with the stakeholder list and talk about it at the next steering committee meeting.

- At the next meeting the climate convention should be discussed since it will be happening in April.

Agenda Item 8: Set Next Meeting Date

TRPC to do: Mike will figure out the next meeting date and send it out.