



## Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting Summary

June 27, 2022, 3:00-5:00 PM

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Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, &amp; Public Comments – All members</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), and staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the agenda.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the May 23, 2022 meeting summary.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Cox, to approve the May 23, 2022, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s May 23, 2022 meeting summary is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 5 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p>Tom Crawford: Tom spoke about the climate emergency that the nation is currently facing. The climate impacts occurring today have been predicted for years, and now is the time to identify barriers that are stopping climate action. This is an opportunity to rebuild our communities, economy, and political systems to increase human rights for all.</p> <p>Timothy Leadingham: Timothy spoke in support of Lacey’s recent action to protect trees, and in support of appointing Lynn Fitz-Hughes to the Climate Advisory Workgroup.</p>



	<p>Robert Marino: Robert is a new employee for Thurston Climate Action Team leading the green infrastructure program and is excited to begin working with the Steering Committee. Robert is looking forward to promoting the C-PACER program of the county and pushing for an energy audit.</p> <p>Melinda Hughes: TCAT has two new interns coming on shortly and is excited to see that Tumwater now has a Sustainability Coordinator on staff. Melinda supports the legacy forests letter and mentioned that logging has started on a legacy forest in Olympia. TCAT is in support of tree protections and increased EV infrastructure.</p> <p>Janine Linsey: Janine was excited to see the county's letter opposing legacy tree cutting and the increased tree protections in Lacey. Janine is concerned about commercial logging within Olympia city limits and would like to see stronger tree protection language in TCMP.</p>
2a. Advisory Workgroup Membership – Casey Mauck, TRPC	<p>Mauck presented the staff recommendations for appointees to the Climate Advisory Workgroup. The recommendation included eight members and one alternate, and two slots left vacant for frontline community members and one slot left vacant for someone with experience in workforce development, agriculture, or rural residence.</p> <p>Members discussed the recommendations.</p> <p><b>Members chose to move forward with the recommendations as drafted for one year, while the application is refined to center equity and ask for demographic information.</b></p> <p>Members did not come to a decision on if current ILA partner employees should be allowed to serve, but may allow employees to serve if City of Olympia employees are allowed to serve as well. Staff will consult with Olympia's legal staff to see if they would be eligible for the group.</p>
2b. Legacy Forest Follow-Up – All members	<p>Members discussed sending a letter to DNR opposing the clearcutting of legacy forests and advising that these forests are protected in DNR's carbon project.</p> <p><b>Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County agreed to send the letter while Lacey abstained but did not block the letter.</b></p>
2c. Summer Meeting Schedule – All members	<p>Members discussed a potential in-person meeting in the future and whether the August meeting should be cancelled or not. Members will make a decision about the August meeting in July.</p>
3a. Transportation Update – Allison Osterberg, TRPC	<p><i>This item will be moved to a future meeting.</i></p>



<p>4a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All Members</p>	<p>Carolyn Cox (City of Lacey) – Lacey has updated its tree ordinance.</p> <p>Eileen Swarthout (City of Tumwater) – Tumwater is seeking a consultant to work on tree protections, and has a new sustainability coordinator on board looking into grants, installing EV chargers for public use, and installing solar on City Hall. DNR will be holding a public meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss timber sales proposals for August and September and sales plans for the fiscal year 2023-2024.</p> <p>Carolina Mejia (Thurston County) – The county is working on hiring a climate program manager and is working with TRPC on a GIS project for forest mapping that will be wrapping up in July.</p> <p>Lisa Parshley (City of Olympia) – Pamela Braff recently briefed the Land Use and Environment Committee on policies regarding EV charging and solar readiness in buildings and the committee has directed staff to propose an ordinance that will be coming to Council for a vote. Staff will be meeting a new policy of putting all agenda items to council in a framework showing the impacts to equity and the climate. The City is aware of the commercial logging within city limits but has been preempted by the state.</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.</p>



## Meeting Attendance

### Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia representative and Chair  
Carolina Mejia – Thurston County alternate

Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey representative  
Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater representative

### Public Present Online:

Angelica Daoang  
Aya Samman  
Janine Linsey  
Kim Piper  
Melinda Hughes

Rachel Hastings  
Robert Marino  
Timothy Leadingham  
Tom Crawford  
Wayne Olsen

### Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

#### **TRPC**

Allison Osterberg  
Casey Mauck  
Karen Parkhurst

#### **Tumwater**

Alyssa Jones-Wood  
Brad Medrud

#### **Lacey**

Grant Beck  
Hans Shepherd

#### **Thurston County**

Jennica Machado

#### **Olympia**

Pamela Braff

**Next Meeting:** July 25, 2022

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