

**City of Lake Forest Park
Climate Action Committee
Regular Meeting Summary
October 1, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:0 P.M.

Climate Action Committee Board Members Present:

Sarah Phillips, Miriam Bertram, Dana Campbell, Anne Udaloy, Brian Saunders, Matt Son, Jessica Cote

Staff and Others Present

Council Liaison - Tracy Furutani
Environmental and Sustainability Specialist - Cory Roche
Community Development Director – Mark Hofman

Member of the Public Present

Adrian Huges

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduced themselves and stated a climate headline.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved, no objections.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were postponed until next meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Adrian Huges brought the idea of building a climate focused volunteer network to create block leaders in the city/neighborhoods. Focuses would be reducing waste and education. The idea is not fully vetted but bringing this to the CAC to see if there is interest, a program like this started in Austin.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion with Mayor French

Mayor French attended the CAC meeting to discuss budget and what is going on around the City. Noted everyone is very busy and there is a lot of work going on, including budget and the comprehensive plan. The City budget is very tight and there will be a shortfall around 1.5 million, previously the City has been able to patch holes with other funding sources coming through we did not get this year. Proviso's are based upon funding coming in from traffic cameras, but mentioned the cameras are slowing down traffic and are working regarding safety concerns even if we don't get funding coming in through. Currently the budget includes adding a new HR manager is in the mix. Phil has been having conversations with other cities on how their climate managers are funded. There is a solid

waste tax that could possibly fund this position. City would collect funds for a year, if revenues got to a certain level to fund this position, City would look at taking next steps in hiring a climate manager. City also needs to talk with Republic Service and look at the contract in place to see if this would be possible.

Councilmember Furutani thanks the Mayor and Phil on their work and ideas. There are challenges on funding this and noted the 20 public comments submitted, plus in person comments.

Mark noted that certain resources and paths along for this new position. In the meantime, Cory's deviation is going to another route, community programs manager. He will be running zoom until the Senior Planner or Climate Manager is filled and will take on the CAC tasks. Stated the Climate Advisory Policy Team will begin in the meantime as a result to fulfill the grant and comp plan, but both groups are temporary.

- November CAC Meeting

Group agreed to cancel the November CAC meeting.

- Climate Hub

Dana noted they have the go ahead and support from Merlone Geier to continue on with the climate mural in the Third Place Commons area. There will be a kickoff event, Community Climate Action Fair, Oct 26. Will have a look what is coming with the wall and have other booths at the event. A sub committee was created to help.

ADJOURN: 8:15 P.M.