# City of Lake Forest Park Climate Action Committee Regular Meeting Summary August 6, 2024

# CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

### **Climate Action Committee Board Members Present:**

Miriam Bertram, Linda Holman, Tamara Erickson, Anne Udaloy, Matt Son, Brian Saunders

#### **Staff and Others Present**

Council Liaison - Tracy Furutani Environmental and Sustainability Specialist - Cory Roche

### **Member of the Public Present**

None

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Anne recognized the native lands and stewardship.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved unanimously, no objections. Linda first and Mimi second, all approved.

#### **REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes were not ready for review.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None present

#### **BUSINESS**

### • 2024 Summer Events

Family Day at the Farmers Market is August 25<sup>th</sup>, booth on climate education and kids fish craft. Will follow up with emails on participation.

Picnic in the Park will do same booth at farmers markets, as it was successful on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Electric Car Show, group noted this year has gotten complicated, and would like to bring this into next year in celebration with earth day events.

Group talked about other public events to connect with in the future or through the winter. Like events with neighbors, Kenmore and Bothell, Brian will reach out to

Streamfest to potentially host a booth, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate Shoreline is also in August at Cromwell park, attend as neighbors, no booth.

# Graphic Novel

Councilmember Furutani noted the two college students he once talked to is now not available. Group talked about what the mission is of the graphic novel for the climate action plan. Would be a way to further engage youth in the community, could be coloring book, or something to hand out at events for people to take home and read, could be two to 8 pages. Tracy will look to move this forward.

# • Implementation of Climate Action Plan

Will have to pause and comeback.

#### Initiative 2117

This is funding related to addressing climate impacts and initiatives. City Council will be holding a public hearing on whether to take a position Thursday, August 8. Hope is for people to submit written comments or attend in person.

#### K4C

Group talked about K4C news in hoping there will be funding establish for small cities to implement climate policies. K4C does not give grants, but are good at taking different resources in finding other funding to combine to do bigger work. Councilmember Furutani noted the City does not have a tax base to support a full time climate focused position, and has been pushing for the county to support small cities for things like climate and GIS. Also let the group know Cory and him attended a meeting with WRIA 8, they have a lot of funding and common goals. Hoping they can help with funding a position like this.

Group then discussed a climate focused position the City should hire to implement the Climate Action Plan and other climate related duties. Ideas like staffing a .5 position or partnership with Kenmore/Shoreline, to do a shared climate position were talked about. Councilmember Furutani noted the City is also looking at a GIS person, this could be combo climate action manager and GIS. Other roles the City could look at sharing duties with could be a grant writer position.

Discussion of how often the CAC should meet took place since now the Climate Action Plan has been adopted and the work plan changing toward implementation. They did not like the idea of meeting quarterly because work slows down. Noted the climate element of the comprehensive plan will start soon and work could be brought back to CAC.

#### Other

September's meeting with be on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

ADJOURN: 8:20 P.M.