

**City of Lake Forest Park
Climate Action Committee
Regular Meeting Summary
May 2, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

Climate Action Committee Board Members Present:

Linda Holman, Sarah Phillips, Anne Udaloy, Brian Saunders, Dana Campbell, Matt Son, Miriam Bertram, Tamara Erickson, Isabella Tancreti

Staff and Others Present

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

Member of the Public Present

Molly Kercheval

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously, no objections.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for April were approved unanimously, no objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

A. Gas and Electric Lawn Equipment in the City

Cory stated that the Public Works Director would like the CAC to research and propose a ban on gas lawn equipment to City Council. This doesn't need to wait for Climate Action Plan to be completed and approved. Concerns some of the CAC members have are durability and cost for residents and contractors. Group talked about a buy back program, discounts, phase out in stages and look at tool rental programs, Dana and Tracy will look at other City bans to start with.

B. Green Fair and Earth Day Recaps

Cory stated she will move the fair earlier in the year next year, hard to compete with other Earth and Arbor Day activities around the area.

CAC learned that giveaways are important and the seed pencils were a hit. CAC will look to have a booth at the Garden Tour booth and Farmers Market early summer.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Climate Action Plan

The CAC went through some of the Climate Action Plan, taking notes on content to add. In the transportation section, group noted that the City has always been a hub. Strategies include transitioning to electric vehicles and increase the number in the city, will describes steps and needs for this to happen like the availability to electric, increase public transportation use, improve walking and biking access around City, looking at options to eliminate business travel, and eliminating gas powered yard and garden tools. Group discussed that the biggest issue identified will be how will things fair in power outages if we encourage everyone to electric, noted there could be some solar options. Councilmember Tracy Furutani noted that community wide storage of solar and battery backups will need to be looked at. Wondered if Shoreline keeps track of power outages. The group also talked over consumption, and how to prevent unnecessary waste. Issues like buying local can be more expensive, but the need to promote buying local. Strategies like using mesh bags, washable dishes at restaurants, awareness of reusable containers, no junk mail lists, growing own food, and other education will be important in the community. The CAC talked over the need to increase tree canopy, urban forest health, and the protection of streams. Along with how to increase community resilience, emergency preparedness, and working with our neighboring cities to accomplish these tasks.

Sarah stated the group will continue writing the plan but will start on public outreach components in the meantime. Ideas could include workshops before CAC meetings.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Reports from Communication Team

None

B. Reports from Data Team

None

C. Chair Updates

At the Third Place Commons Annual Breakfast, the CAC is being recognized for their work. Can place one item at the tables for an educational table talker.

Bella may know students who would like to join CAC next school year to fill the senior's graduating positions.

ADJOURN: 8:30PM