

Climate Action And Resilience Plan Mitigation Task Force

March 27, 2018

Civic Center, Room #2404

Attending: Likwan Cheng, Henry Eberhart, Vickie Jacobsen, Lauren Viso-Marquez, Amanda Huegelmann, Sierra Chmela, Laura Winston (public)

6:05 Meeting called to order

Minutes from Feb 22, 2018 approved

Review of spreadsheet - What Actions Does the City Wish to Implement (see Google Drive) This spreadsheet doesn't include data - just various criteria that can be tweaked.

CURB Tool Update: In general CURB tool is underway. There are still missing data but it's coming along and the group looked at some of the types of factors that are going into the model. The conclusion was that this will be a valuable tool for testing out the impact of certain actions (feasibility checks) but not necessary something that can generate actions.

What kinds of programs are evolving from our conversations? What research do we need to do to understand the possibilities?

Com Ed/Nicor REAL retrofit program - we need to develop a 'significant' program

Utilities get \$40 million for energy efficiency improvements

- Gabriela will follow up with Com Ed to see what programs are being developed, could Evanston be a model community for a pilot program?
- Vickie will talk to someone at Nicor to see what could happen there, CNT contacts

Another potential community partner - Elevate energy - consulting company with 501c3 status - help people with energy efficiency, with FEJA.

- Lauren will reach out to a friend at Elevate to better understand how they could play a role in this plan

Review of Mitigation_Plan_draft.doc (see document on Google Drive)

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing this document as a group. We discussed different points and made some changes - the following are comments on the document (either additions or clarifications to be made)

- Big picture goals are pretty clear (consensus) but we need to set a 100% goal eventually (2050 is not ambitious enough for some/all)
- City needs to make progress on its own energy sourcing - set goals for 15% or something to show progress on the City's side
- Possibility of a Municipal ARES (Alternative retail electric supplier) - City would be the direct purchaser of energy, Example of Geneseo (western IL), municipal ARES combined with large scale PV, financial decision but it has worked well for them. We need more research on this.
- Food waste mitigation for commercial/restaurants needs to be developed but the zero food waste is do-able.

Public Engagement

The Engagement Task Force would like to present an example of pre/post climate footprint for a family or individual based on a calculator that we recommend.

→ Can everyone collect resources (calculators) so that we can help develop this?

7:35 meeting adjourned

Qs for Kumar - is Northwestern data included in our waste emissions inventory? Can we get more information on the Solsmart program - when will it be possible to evaluate the success of the program? (so that we can make changes if needed)