



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Mayor's Climate Action Resilience Plan Working Group Meeting (CARP)**

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room 2402

Members Present: Likwan Cheng, Joel Freeman, Jerri Garl, Vickie Jacobsen, Christopher Kucharczyk, Emily Lawrence, Lauren Marquez-Viso, Gabriela Martin, Judy Pollock

Members Absent: Henry Eberhart, Sarah Lovinger, Bob Dean, John Moore, Jack Darin, Mariana Oliver, Lonnie Wilson, Gajan Sivandran

Staff Present: Moriant Hernandez

Guest: Brooke Harper

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1. **Declaration of Quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. and a quorum was established.
  2. **Approval of April 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** It was motioned to approve, a second was voiced, and minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
  3. **Public Comment:** None
  4. **Reports:**
    - A. Summary of Recent Outreach Presentations – L. Marquez-Viso provided a summary of outreach programs given throughout Evanston to engage on climate action planning and to gather feedback from environmentally focused groups and events.

Confirmed outreach events and proposed organizations to connect with:

- School District 65 Green Teams on May 7
- YMCA Children's Center May 24 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. – volunteers needed
- Go Evanston event May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Celtic Knot
- District 202/Evanston Township High School
- Private schools (Chiaravalle and Baker Demonstration)
- The Farmer's Market
- Central Street Association
- Y.O.U. (Youth and Opportunity United)

Concern was raised that not enough outreach is planned focusing on different aspects of the population, such as YWCA, Connections for the Homeless, retirement communities, etc. Audrey Thompson with the City of Evanston can be contacted to learn how to best engage the senior communities who may be isolated, as they represent a vulnerable population. Gathering feedback

electronically is another method to cast a wider net. L. Marquez-Viso contacted Interfaith Action of Evanston who declined a presentation from CARP, stating it was not relevant to their mission.

J. Freeman suggested presentations be more organized and focused more cohesively, making climate change more relatable and more real to the groups CARP is presenting to, with less emphasis on just PowerPoint slides. The organization that is hosting the event can begin by stating their mission and then make the association to climate change to fit within their goals. J. Pollock inquired about having a Spanish-language presentation.

Questions arose about participant engagement feedback forms collected from the Natural Habitat event and how to incorporate notes and summaries into the climate plan. E. Lawrence asked the group to consider what is success in terms of process for community engagement; response: informing the public, set context and gather feedback are the goals of outreach, so that residents are informed when the document is presented for comment by City Council.

#### B. Mitigation Task Force - Summary of Current Progress

High level goals for mitigation and city actions that cover different strategies:

1. renewable energy
2. building energy efficiency
3. waste reduction and diversion
4. construction and demolition waste diversion
5. waste water reduction (waste items could be combined)
6. water efficiency
7. transportation
8. urban canopy and natural area preservation
9. restoration from mitigation and resiliency
10. smart and environmentally sustainable investments (climate tax?)
11. education and outreach

A question was posed stating whether the City will issue municipal bonds for climate action funding as opposed to a tax. Bonds are sometimes issued to execute projects such as climate or green bonds to support environmental actions.

The group has to prioritize strategies in order to accomplish goals, such as going for the easier projects first or the big reductions (big wins), and then allocating resources. A short-term greenhouse reduction goal is 50% reduction of by year 2025, and corresponds to certain performance metrics. Also the metrics should track volume of waste diverted from landfills based on city collected-data. A part of the mitigation plan should address a goal of increasing the residential, multi-family residential, and commercial recycling rate.

Can the City provide low interest rate loan program for climate change initiatives? An idea to explore is energy efficiency audits performed by Northwestern University students to help residents find solutions.

C. Adaptation Task Force - Summary of Current Progress  
Report/Summary of Vulnerability (document review)

- Socioeconomic vulnerability: age, disability, community networks, etc.
- Landscape vulnerability
- Water quality threats
- Structure stress
- Agriculture, food supply
- Public health risks

**5. Task Force Breakout Sessions:** Attendees recessed into their respective task force groups to engage in discussion in their assigned categories: Climate Mitigation, Climate Adaptation, and Community Engagement.

**6. Adjournment:** It was moved and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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