

Climate Action Task Force Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall/Videoconference

Task Force Members: Elizabeth Bagley, Kent Barkhau, Elizabeth Borneman, Molly Grear, Kathleen Kreiss, Darby Osborne, Catherine Riley, Caitlin Way, Caitlin Woolsey

I. CALL TO ORDER

Henshaw called the meeting to order at approximately 6:22 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

II. ROLL CALL

Task Force members present: Elizabeth Bagley, Kent Barkhau, Elizabeth Borneman, Molly Grear (videoconference), Kathleen Kreiss (videoconference), Darby Osborne, Catherine Riley, Caitlin Way, Caitlin Woolsey (videoconference)
Staff/Assembly: Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz, Assembly member Kevin Mosher, Municipal Administrator John Leach, Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw
Others: Joel Hanson

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes on topics off the agenda)*

Joel Hanson relayed a news article regarding climate change. He told of institutions that have announced their commitment to take action on climate change. He talked about the Keeling Curve and mentioned that he sent the 2010 Climate Action Plan to each member. He hoped that the task force would analyze and provide guidance for staff and the assembly.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

VI. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Commissioners: None.

Assembly: Mayor Eisenbeisz thanked members for their service. He reminded that the assembly was looking for future steps. He read from the founding resolution with regards to duties for the task force and the future sustainability commission. He reminded the task force was a recommending body to the assembly.

City Staff: Municipal Administrator John Leach thanked members and reiterated the mayor's message. The tasking was in the resolution. He was looking for and excited to hear how the group work could be formalized into another commission or committee.

He encouraged the task force to look at other commissions to see if there was overlap. He reminded that the task force was an advisory body to the assembly and that one voice should be relayed to him through the chair.

Other(s): None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introductions

Task Force members introduced themselves and gave a brief background.

B. Overview of duties

Henshaw reminded the task force of the founding resolution that should be referred to.

C. Meeting guidelines

Henshaw went over the agenda and gave a broad overview of Roberts Rules, motions, debate, and voting.

D. Meeting intervals/dates/times

After discussion it was determined to set the meeting to the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

E. Election of Officers (Select a Chair, Vice Chair)

M – Kreiss / S – Barkhau moved to nominate Elizabeth Bagley for Chair. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

M – Osborne / S – Barkhau moved to nominate Catherine Riley for Vice Chair. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

F. Agenda items for the next meeting

Kreiss thought to target emissions and look at a time frame of 50% by 2030 and to be 100% renewable in terms of energy with no net carbon emission by 2050. Barkhau expanded and stated that with regards to emissions reductions, it needed to be clear of it if were for only municipal activities or community wide. He reminded that the first Climate Action Plan Task Force were to reduce municipal activities and felt that it needed to be expanded to community wide. He wondered what the assembly could do to influence the reduction in the broader community.

Kreiss relayed that Municipal Administrator John Leach had stated at a previous assembly meeting his concern with regards to the assembly having the power to implement community action. She felt that the community had to be involved and that the assembly could incentivize. Bagley felt that there should be two different agenda items for emissions reduction of target and one of scope. Riley agreed and felt that an end result could contain information/suggestions of how to reduce emissions community wide and a separate section of how the municipality could reduce their own emissions. She felt it was important to review the 2010 Climate Action Plan.

Commissioners agreed that there would need to be a presentation from the electric department and possibly other departments.

Discussion on sub committees took place including topic areas to possibly focus on such as technology, transport, permitting/building, electric, heating, waste, funding, and small businesses.

It was decided to research what other communities have done. Each task force member volunteered to research and bring back information of other communities.

- IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD** *(not to exceed 3 minutes on topics on or off the agenda)*
Joel Hanson pointed out at the last assembly meeting there was a decision made to apply for a grant that may, if it goes through, could play a big role and give opportunities.

- X. ADJOURNMENT**
Next meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall/Videoconference

M – Barkhau / S – Riley moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk