

Climate Action Task Force Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall/Videoconference

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bagley called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Task Force members present: Elizabeth Bagley (videoconference), Catherine Riley (videoconference), Molly Grear (videoconference), Kent Barkhau (videoconference), Darby Osborne (videoconference), Elizabeth Borneman
Absent: Caitlin Way (excused) and Caitlin Woolsey (excused)
Staff: Deputy Clerk, Jess Earnshaw
Others: None

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

None.

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

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 21, 2021, and October 19, 2021

Riley moved to approve the September 21, 2021, and October 19, 2021 minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair: Bagley thanked the Climate Action Task Force member for their hard work on the work session with the Assembly.

Task Force Members: None.

City Staff: None.

Other(s): None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. ETIPP Updates

a. City
None.

b. ALFA
None.

C. Working Groups Updates

- a. Climate impacts in Sitka
None.
- b. GHG emissions inventory
Gear noted the project was still ongoing and would give an update as it progressed.
- c. Policies/grant opportunities
Barkhau spoke to the reconciliation bill, pricing of carbon, and to the 50% reduction of emissions by 2030.

Barkhau moved to resend the carbon fee and dividend resolution to our delegation. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

D. City Requests

Bagley reviewed the city requests that included an opinion from City Attorney to add a requirement for sales tax reporting on fuel quantities, EV infrastructure, sustainability staffer, and strategic plan request for proposal.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Next Steps from the Assembly work session

Chair Bagley thanked the Climate Action Task Force members for attending the Assembly work session. The Task Force discussed their thoughts on the work session. Gear mentioned she was surprised to see the Assembly shared similar visions as the Task Force. Riley noted she was excited about the priorities and how they were aligned with the Task Force. Barkhau questioned on how to start making progress.

Mosher said he was excited about the meeting and both groups shared some basic ideas. He mentioned focusing on one or two goals instead of trying too many things. He felt that the Task Force should develop a priorities list with recommendations to be discussed at an Assembly meeting in the future.

F. Meeting Frequency and timing

The Task Force discussed changing the bi-monthly meetings to monthly meetings.

Riley moved to change the Climate Action Task Force meetings to the first Tuesday of every month. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G. Tourism

Barkhau expressed concerns on ways to meet the goal of reducing emissions. Riley said she would include climate-friendly alternatives to the priorities list with recommended actions. She mentioned that Amy Ainslie, Planning Director was putting together a short-term tourism plan to identify emission reduction strategies throughout.

H. Composting

Borneman said an update would be provided at the next meeting.

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

Joel Hanson spoke to the 3-minute time limit on persons to be heard, Juneau Commission retreat, and climate adaptation.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

M – Grear moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw, Staff Liaison