



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

CLIMATE CHANGE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 20, 2019

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**MINUTES**

Present: Committee members Michael Cox, Lara Hansen, Gary Lagerloef, David McCaughey, Michelle McClure, Nora Fern Nickum, James Rufo-Hill; Council Liaison Joe Deets

Absent: Committee members Derik Broekhoff, Deborah Rudnick

Public: Deborah Weinmann, Ben Persyn, Gloria Sayler, Edwin Rymarz, Troy D. Abel

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting (February 6, 2019) were approved.

Public Comment

- Edwin Rymarz shared that he has asked the City Council in the past to look at rising sea levels and soil erosion, including in the shoreline planning process.
  - i. Note: This Committee has relevant items in its workplan, and we welcome community members to be involved.

Western Washington University Intern Update

- Deb Weinmann and Ben Persyn, students at WWU's Huxley College of the Environment, will be interns of Climate Action Bainbridge:
  - i. Looking at community solar is part of the Committee's workplan. Ben Persyn is interested in helping the Committee analyze how community solar projects could reduce the island's greenhouse gas emissions. He plans to study potentially viable locations for community solar infrastructure—applying criteria such as cost effectiveness, environmental efficacy, and political and legal acceptability—and provide the results to the Committee by June.
  - ii. Debbie Weinmann reported that she has been looking at how other cities (e.g., Bellingham) are structuring emissions reduction goals for the transportation sector, and what mitigation strategies they have proposed.

Draft CCAC Work Plan

- The Committee's draft proposed goal is to reduce emissions by 90% by 2040 compared to 2013 levels, with interim goals to ensure that we are making progress. The greenhouse gas inventory that just got underway is likely to use 2013 data, making that a solid baseline. We may adjust the goal based on the final inventory results (expected by July 2019) and outcomes from the current state legislative session.
- The Committee reviewed the draft mitigation, adaptation, and community engagement actions in its workplan, clarifying leads and timelines for each action.

Updates

- The *Idle Threat* movie is being shown at the library on April 4.
- The Climate and Energy Forum will have a public session on April 20 from 10am-noon. This one will focus on how we can reduce greenhouse gases from energy on the island. Future events will focus on transportation and adaptation.
- Arctic sea ice is at a lower level than it was last year on this date. We are now where we were predicted to be in 2050.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

  
Co-Chair

  
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