

CAAC Meeting notes 9/15/22

Attendees: Tom Campbell, Suzy Oversvee, Stan Gent, Lynda Lyshall, Henry Jennings, Natalia Tune, Eileen Canola, Jeanine SanClemente

Intro of Molly, background

Staff support for Molly – FTE moving to Facilities; looking for other ways to support Molly, such as Civic Spark, interns, temp staff; some programs moving to Facilities, such as SOAP update, and Savvy septic to Health District

- Stan – should Facilities be monitoring itself on implementing the SOAP update? Gregg – that would have happened when OES was in Facilities & Fleet, so that role is moving back to Facilities. OES might be able to provide some sort oversight of SOAP Plan implementation.
- Tom C. – if capital facilities plan will reduce emissions for County, should CAAC still be involved in the operations side; Facilities could still come to CAAC and give regular updates
- Suzy – would want to see CAAC still involved and getting updates on progress toward meeting County commitments on meeting emission targets

Comp Plan Update – Eileen Canola

- Powerpoint presentation
- 3 new elements for the plan: tribal coordination element, urban core subarea plan, climate change element (in spirit of HB 1099)
- Overall timeline: currently in env review, policy framework,
- Climate model element contains: mitigation sub-element & resilience sub-element
- Need to establish baselines for both sub elements: GHG emissions gives baseline for mitigation sub-element and vulnerability and risk assessment gives baseline for resiliency sub-element
- Vulnerability and risk assessment will be conducted by PDS through recent Commerce grant
 - Will form a baseline
 - Completed by mid-2023
- Mitigation
 - Reducing/preventing GHG emissions
 - Carbon sequestering (wetlands, trees, open space)
 - GHG reduction target from vision 2050: 50% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below by 2050)
 - GHG inventory forms baseline, will be issued in about a month
- Suzy: PUD working w/Forterra to reduce heat islands (to reduce air conditioning loads)
- Jeanine questions:
 - (1) She has concerns about expanding the SWUGA with lack of large roads & transit, so are the expansions in that area still being considered? Eileen: potential expansions are being considered and are going through environmental review now by a consultant, including traffic impacts, env impacts, etc., as well as mitigation suggestions.
 - (2) When will actual code be developed for climate change policies? Eileen: once we do gap analysis and vulnerability and risk assessment, a list will be developed of what is needed, and what steps should be taken (such as code changes).

Recruiting New Members

- Gregg reviewed the 13 positions, encouraged the recruitment of new members
- Stan: should we invite members of other committees, such as Edmonds Climate Change Committee? Should we consider changes to makeup of committee given potential shift on focus of the committee?

Direction and next steps for CAAC

- Should CAAC be involved in the review of the Climate Element? If so, this is a bit of a shift away from the original purpose

Climate Element interactions with CAAC:

- Have CAAC review the vulnerability and risk assessment, policies,
- Eileen can review the GHG report from King County consultant at future meeting

Linda, Stan, Suzy supportive of weighing in on Climate element, will check in with Tom C.