

Snohomish County Ad Hoc Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Meeting 2: Meeting Summary

Tuesday April 14, 2020

5pm-7pm

Location: Skype meeting

Attendees: Tom Campbell, Stan Gent, Anthony Gromko, Linda Lyshall, Ryan Miller, Suzy Oversvee, Jeanine SanClemente, Margaret Seaney, Patrick Sisneros, Jon Witte, Ian McCluskey, Yolimar Rivera-Vazquez, Jake Salvador
Lisa Dulude (County staff), Kevin Ruuhela (County staff)

(Underlined Italics indicate action items/decisions; follow-up items in bold italics)

1. Meeting Logistics:

a. **Roll Call:** All committee members on call (a few members on Apple devices were unable to provide verbal responses)

b. Technical Issues

- Committee members with Apple computers were having difficulty/unable to connect using Skype. Are there separate connection methods for ipads/apple products for Skype?
- Zoom seems to work well on Apple hardware

c. **Setting-up county email address:** Reminder to members to please set-up their County email addresses.

- a. **Member question:** Can emails to the committee members' County email address be auto-forwarded to their personal emails? ***Lisa will inquire and get a response from County IT department.***

d. **Review of documents that Lisa emailed out on March 3:** Some committee members have not completed the review of these documents. ***Lisa will re-send these materials as a reminder to those that still have to complete this task.***

Member question: Are we focused on Snohomish County Government or is it broader than that?

- Broader than that, attempting to move these efforts forward to the broader community, but focusing on Snohomish government first, namely with SOAP revision and updates.

2. Questions during presentation:

- **Member question:** Potential \$26 million shortfall in County budget because of COVID-19. Is that to the general fund or County's whole budget?
Staff answer: Likely a question for the budget team
- **Member question:** Which buildings does the green building ordinance relate to? **Staff answer:** Only county government buildings
- **Member question:** What is the constraint of the weatherization program finance or demand? **Staff answer:** Multiple factors – attracting and retaining staff that meet the required qualifications, complex program to administer, high rate of staff transition, illness, etc over the last few years.
- **Member question:** What was the program modeled after (if any)? **Staff answer:** Program was created for by the federal government (Dept of Energy) and is administered by each of the states. Program funding is a combination of federal, state, and utility dollars.
- **Member question:** Have you seen return on investment (ROI) numbers in terms of energy prices? **Staff answer:** We do a financial analysis of cost per unit but haven't done an ROI analysis recently. Because of all the program requirements and regulations, the ROI will look different and typically higher, than you would see for a the same measures outside of the program.
- **Member comment:** Ian offered to be a resource for weatherization based on his industry connections and time in California.
- **Member question:** Where is the greenfleet policy at currently? **Staff answer:** 3 meetings done with internal team. Done collecting inventory from departments. Draft policy is still being worked on but can be sent to team members.

3. Notes from workplan discussion:

- Research and understand actions that are already being taken in Snohomish County
- Set-up meetings with Council members to ascertain priorities
- Interest in addressing public transit and accessibility in rural regions
 - Pat – “Where would community transit fall in this?”

- Jeanine – “I’m particularly interested in lack of transit in remote areas in Snohomish County. It seemed to me that a lot of people that didn’t have a lot of money moved to these regions and were not given the same community transit opportunities as other people in other regions”
- Collaboration with Tribal partners
 - Tom – “Ryan’s thoughts on working with tribes in particular?”
 - Ryan
 - Every tribe is different
 - Has contacts with other tribes
 - Has someone within his division to meet with Tulalip tribe and others
- Cost of carbon within County operations – *Stan offered to take the lead on researching a carbon fund/bank to have an internal carbon value built into taking decisions. Microsoft is a business example. Lisa/Kevin can help provide some other local government examples. Tom – There is a lot of state interest in carbon pricing and how the county responds to that would be very useful to consider in how we can implement that.*
- Community carbon tax: research how it works, is it an option for the County?
- Lisa – would like to keep social equity at the forefront of the work that we are doing. Urban sustainability director’s network has a virtual module that we can sign up for.
 - Interest in members joining the social equity module training from USDN (Lisa offered to ask USDN if this is a possibility. *Yes, multiple members are interested.*)
- “Would be good to have lessons learned going forward through this period [COVID-19]”
- Suzy - “Should start thinking about tracking stimulus dollars”
- Jeanine – Interested in narrowing our aspect down to Snohomish County. I would like to dig a little deeper into the data regarding Snohomish County.
 - Lisa – Greenhouse gas inventory for government operations (2014) and for the whole county via Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (2015) is on the Office of Energy and Sustainability website. The County’s 2018 GHG inventory for government operations should be done in about a month.