

Snohomish County Ad Hoc Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Meeting 8: Meeting Summary

Tuesday, December 8 2020

5pm-7pm

- **Committee members present:** Ian McCluskey, Tom Campbell, Jon Witte, Margaret Seaney, Stan Gent, Ryan Miller, Suzy Oversvee, Linda Lyshall, Yolimar Rivera Vazquez, Pat Sisneros, Jake Salvador
- **Committee members not in attendance:** Anthony Gromko, Jeanine SanClemente
- **County staff:** Lisa Dulude, Kevin Ruuhela
- **Guests:** Robert Knoll (Puget Sound Energy Government Affairs), Julie Titone (Daily Herald), Eileen Canola (Snohomish County Planning & Development Services), Lynn Lichtenberg, Carol McMann, Wendy Weiker (Republic Services)

1. Roll-Call (5 min)

2. General Updates (15 min)

a. Committee member updates

- i. Suzy Overseer – the PUD has received a grant from the Dept. of Ecology to install DC fast chargers in front of headquarter buildings. First DC chargers in Everett.
- ii. Lisa Dulude – All members on a list to take a survey for new department.
- iii. Lisa Dulude – Proposed timeline and structure for SOAP (see presentation slides)

3. Report Out from Working Groups (60 min)

a. Working Group 1/Carbon

Plan development:

- Policy applicability: will it apply to GHGs from transportation and facilities/buildings?
- Price of Carbon: research and provide recommendations for proposed price
- Implementation

King County Strategy:

- Expand application of “Carbon Shadow Price”: a non-cash cost – to lifecycle cost analyses developed for capital projects, evaluation of major fuel and vehicle

purchasing decisions, and cost-benefit evaluation of select priority climate change actions in the 2020 SCAP update.

- Establish an internal carbon fee for vehicle fuel use to incentivize behavior changes that result in lowered carbon emissions. Fees will be charged to fleet users with emissions above a baseline emissions reduction goal and revenues will be invested in tree plantings and other carbon sequestration methods.
- Establish an internal carbon fee for Facilities Management Division tenants, with funds to be reinvested in measures and projects that reduce energy and carbon emissions.

Next steps:

- Develop a draft Snohomish Code using King County Standards and State Policy to inform code.
 - Create an application for Carbon Shadow price
 - Establish an internal carbon fee for vehicle use
 - Establish an internal carbon fee for Facilities Management Division tenants, with funds to be reinvested in measures and projects that reduce energy use and carbon emissions.

Stan Gent – King County has spent a great deal of money researching these issues. Instead of reinventing the wheel, we should be able to piggyback much of the work other regions have done as long as it is applicable to Snohomish County.

Ian McCluskey – We can propose local ‘carbon capture/carbon off-set’ alternatives, such as planting trees, investing in energy efficiency retrofits, etc. Depending on how the SOAP looks in its final form, we can reevaluate recommendations/options for how internal revenue from an internal carbon pricing/fee can be applied.

b. Working Group 2/Equity

Update from Yolimar:

- List of BIPOC and Frontline Community – roughly 50 groups that are working in Snohomish County, statewide, or regional organizations.
- To hold relationships with our community is difficult at the beginning.
- Proposition for a need to spend time building relationships with these communities first. Building trust an essential aspect for meaningful transformation.
- Need to develop language that can be used in accordance to philanthropy/donors
- View the work in grant opportunities in phases:
 - Phase 1 – Seek support from foundations and philanthropic donors to provide flexible funding to be allocated directly to community members to help the county build relationships.
 - Phase 2 Develop relationships with community members. Prioritize spreadsheet generated by CAAC equity work group
 - Phase 3 – Show up for community. Convene, listen, and build trust.
 - Phase 4 – Co-lead the development of a proposal to fundraise for what the community wants to see (solutions)

- Phase 5 – Fundraise / Submit grant applications
- Phase 6 – Do the work with community leading

Tom Campbell - Environmental justice being included in state legislation.

- Community engagement guidelines included.

Suzy Oversvee – a number of grant opportunities that are energy related. Many of these grants have an equity component included and is a priority.

Tom Campbell – On relationship building – individuals higher up (from within Snohomish County Government) should be included in this discussion.

Kevin Ruuhela – On relationship building – Is it us reaching out or them reaching out?

Yolimar Vasquez – A little bit of both. As these other organizations likely do not know who we are, therefore it requires our outreach.

Suzy Oversvee – Potential opportunities to work with cities within the county on this subject.

Eileen Canola – PDS undertaking a similar effort for public engagement. PDS is working to be more effective in engaging BIPOC communities on projects that would impact their lives. Community sees the county as a whole, so we should speak with one voice to the community.

c. Working Group 3/Landuse

How do we measure the carbon impact of other actions? (Carbon calculators)

Want to work with measurable actions that are implemented now.

This working group will schedule a time to meet, and develop a more defined scope of work.

- 4. Wrap-Up (5 min)** - No meeting in January; work groups to give a report-out on progress at Dec meeting