



Climate Action Plan Community Advisory Task Force Meeting #1

1:00-3:15 p.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021: Zoom

Meeting Notes

[Presentation and video available at www.clackamas.us/sustainability/climateaction]

Attendance (check marks indicate those in attendance)

Task Force Members

- ✓ Ray Atkinson
- ✓ Bill Avison
- ✓ Linda Blue / Sally DeSipio
- ✓ David Bugni
- ✓ Nina Carlson
- ✓ Katy Dunsmuir
- ✓ Laura Edmonds
- ✓ Zach Henkin
- ✓ Bronwyn Horn
- ✓ Dan Houf
- ✓ Lisa Kilders
- ✓ Julia Person
- ✓ Richa Poudyal

- ✓ Valerie Pratt
- ✓ Adam Rack
- ✓ Jeff Rubin
- ✓ Jairaj Singh
- ✓ William Street
- ✓ Kim Swan
- ✓ Elysia Treanor
- ✓ Meg Turner
- ✓ Edgar Wales
- ✓ Cassie Wilson
- ✓ Matt Zacher

County Staff

- ✓ Sarah Allison
- ✓ Cheryl Bell
- ✓ Eben Polk
- ✓ Ellen Rogalin
- ✓ Katie Wilson
- ✓ Sarah Present
- ✓ Chris Lyons
- ✓ Dylan Blaylock

Consultants

- ✓ Maurya Braun
- ✓ Monica Cuneo, Facilitator
- ✓ Jeremy Murphy

I. Welcome, Context, Introductions (Monica Cuneo, Sarah Allison)

Cheryl Bell, Assistant Director of the Department of Transportation & Development, enthusiastically welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the task force.

Monica Cuneo, meeting facilitator and a consultant from Co-Creative, talked about the need to work cooperatively across all sectors, organizations and political boundaries. Task force meetings will include lots of learning (modeling data, context, science) as a basis for developing plans for action. Monica asked everyone to participate, to respect each other's opinions and to welcome disagreement as a way to strengthen the plan.

Task force members, staff and consultants were asked to introduce themselves:

- Ray Atkinson – Clackamas Community College
- Linda Blue – Clackamas Climate Action Coalition (will be leaving the area soon, suggested to be replaced by Sally)

- Sally DeSipio – Clackamas Climate Action Coalition and Oregon Environmental Caucus (suggested to replace Linda when she leaves the area)
- Dave Bugni – rural Estacada
- Nina Carlson – NW Natural
- Katy Dunsmuir – City councilor, Estacada
- Laura Edmonds – North Clackamas Chamber
- Dan Houf – professional civil and environmental engineer, live in Happy Valley, family cabin in Brightwood
- Lisa Kilders – Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
- Julia Person – Sustainability Manager, Bob’s Red Mill
- Richa Poudyal – APANO
- Valerie Pratt – Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4)
- Adam Rack – Operations manager at a winery, Molalla
- Jeff Rubin – Medical volunteer at state level
- Jairaj Singh – Unite Oregon
- Bill Street – CC Forest Advisory Bd, retired from Global Union Federation representing construction and forestry workers in Geneva, Switzerland
- Kim Swan – Clackamas River Water Providers
- Ed Wales – retired energy advisor with Energy Trust of OR, resident of Canby
- Cassie Wilson – liaison from Youth Advisory task force, resident of Boring
- Matt Zacher – owner/operator of rental equipment company in Canby
- [Elysia Treanor, from PGE, joined the meeting later.]

Staff and consultants also introduced themselves.

II. Our Challenge and Opportunity (Jeremy Murphy, Sustainability Solutions Group)

There are simple problems, complicated problems and complex problems – and climate action is complex. There are no simple answers, no clear path, lots of moving parts, lots of roles for people and organizations and government; lots of ways to look at the details.

The county goal is our starting point. Carbon neutrality is what’s needed to prevent the worst effects of climate change, not to prevent climate change itself. We’ll be looking at different trajectories to get to that carbon-neutral goal by 2050.

The climate action plan (CAP) will be data-driven. SSG is doing a lot of modeling based on data for different sectors across the county, and building a lot of scenarios. For example, considering what a certain situation or industry looks like under the status quo and what could it look like with climate actions.

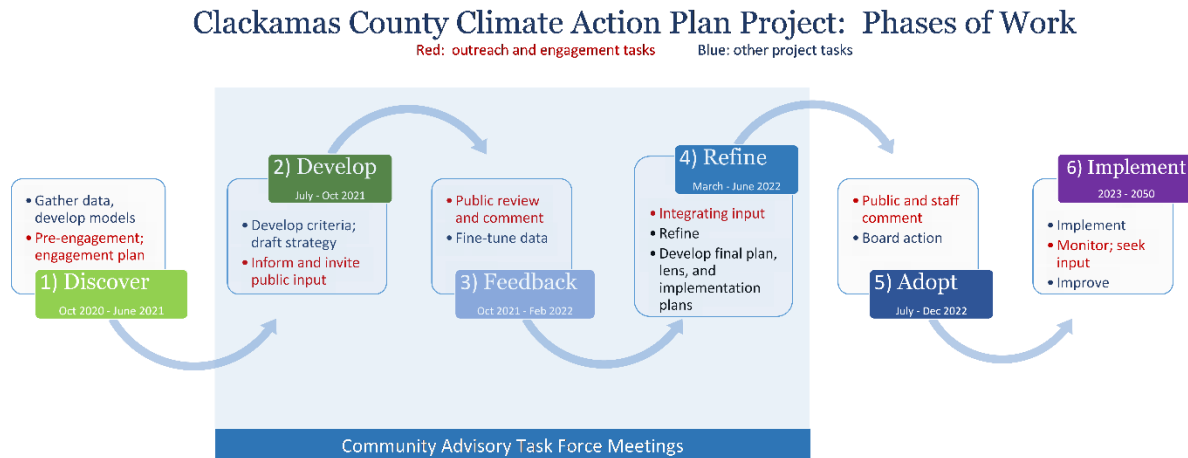
We’re planning for a 30-year time horizon, but in a series of two-year implementation plans. One important outcome will be a climate lens – a decision-making tool we can use to review actions, assess infrastructure, decision-making, etc.

Key deliverables will include:

- Technical investigations

- Public engagement
- Model Net Zero pathways
- Analyze financial impacts of actions
- Recommended Climate Action Plan
- Recommended Climate Lens
- Implementation plan and monitoring strategy

Jeremy also shared an overview of the process, as shown in the following graphic.



Comment: I understand the need for deliberate and consensus-building behaviors, at the same time part of the county burned last year and I'm not really picking up a sense of urgency from the paperwork so far. [Staff will take that into account and provide clarification at some point about how that might fit into this process.]

III. CATF Charter

Katie explained that the purpose of the charter is to make sure the group is coming together, and operating with the same goal and purpose.

ACTION: The group agreed to move forward with the charter.

IV. Public comments

There was no public comment.

The group concluded the webinar and transitioned to a work session.

V. Building Shared Understanding of Successful Collaboration

Monica reviewed the appreciative inquiry process that the group will be go through for the rest of the meeting. Task force members were paired up for interviews to explore when and why productive collaboration occurs. Then the pairs were paired (for groups of four) to report back and make notes on themes related to successful collaboration (attached).

VI. Next steps, meeting evaluation

Task force members reviewed the notes from all the groups and commented on which topics and themes stood out for them. They included:

- Being a good, active listener

- Empathy
- Creativity
- Everyone should own the decisions of the group.
- Help people come up with solutions

Monica said the project team will synthesize the comments and bring them back to the next meeting for discussion.

The next meeting is on Thursday, August 12, from 1 to 3 or 3:30 p.m. Task force members will be sent the draft Community Engagement Plan (CEP) tomorrow and are asked to review it and send back comments by August 9 in preparation for discussion at the August 12 meeting.

The meeting ended with task force members responding to a short survey to let the project team know what additional information they would like.

- 73% -- a climate change booster that covers what climate change is and its local impacts in Clackamas County
- 73% -- how climate change impacts specific industries or sectors
- 33% -- how climate change and equity are interrelated
- 27% said they had other needs or ideas
- 13% -- a climate change science primer that covers the basics of what climate change is and its general impacts

There were requests to:

- Be sure everyone has a calendar invitation for the complete series of meetings
- Share the comments that people shared in Chat