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Climate Action Plan Community Advisory Task Force
Meeting #2

1:00-3:40 p.m., Thursday, August 12, 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
- ✓ Sally DeSipio
- ✓ David Bugni
- ✓ Nina Carlson
- ✓ Katy Dunsmuir
- ✓ Laura Edmonds
- ✓ Zach Henkin
- ✓ Dan Houf
- ✓ Lisa Kilders
- ✓ Julia Person
- Richa Poudyal

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

County Staff
- ✓ Sarah Allison
- ✓ Cheryl Bell
- ✓ Csea Leonard
- ✓ Maria Magallon
- ✓ Ellen Rogalin
- ✓ Katie Wilson
- ✓ Sarah Present
- ✓ Garrett Teague

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

I. **Welcome, Context, Introductions** (Monica Cuneo, Sarah Allison)
Facilitator Monica Cuneo welcomed everyone to the meeting, acknowledged that the group is meeting on the un-ceded lands of many tribes, noted the release of the report earlier this week by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) -- *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis*; and reviewed various operating agreements. Sarah Allison provided a quick overview of how to use Basecamp and then invited everyone to introduce themselves.

II. **Equity**
Csea Leonard and Maria Magallon from the Clackamas County Equity and Inclusion Office, talked about the work of this new county office, what equity really means and the significance of "leading with race" in their inclusion work. Their presentation included a number of key points and definitions, including:
- Diversity is all of us – our differences and similarities
- Equality – giving everyone the same thing

- Equity – when we all have the opportunity to meet our needs for well-being and achieve our full potential (video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZd4no4gZnc)
- Inclusion -- the valuing of all people within an organization, enabling it to benefit from the richness of contributions (video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7swl6jZ0rd4&t=1039s)
- Leading with race -- when we work to address the needs of the person most marginalized, we are in fact helping all
- Why lead with race – we're all in the same storm, just in different boats

Comments/questions
- How does the county's project to run broadband access to the rural areas fit into equity? [The Equity Office has been contacted to be involved with this project.]
- Is the assumption that equity will deliver equality? [Equity will help everyone to the same goal.]
- Task force members commented on why the county would lead with race.

III. **Collaborative Conditions**
Monica helped the task force members use the Mural application as they reviewed and commented on the suggestions they made at the last meeting about ways to collaborate (attached). The group was asked to respond to the following themes that emerged:
- Show up and be present.
- Listen.
- Be curious.
- Use tension as a tool.
- Respect each other.
- Get creative.
- Practice trust.
- Bring your passion.
- Practice humility.
- Keep our eyes on the prize.
- Prioritize "good enough".
- Iterative learning.
- Everyone has power and agency.
- Community as feedback loop.

IV. **Community Engagement Plan (CEP) Review**
Monica responded to comments, questions and suggestions task force members had about the draft CEP.
- Several people asked about the date (2050) set for becoming carbon neutral in the Board goal. Monica said the task force does not have authority to change the date, but could recommend actions that would result in achieving the goal sooner.
- All documents related to the project are posted on Basecamp for task force members to review at their leisure, and more documents will be added as we move through the process of developing the climate action plan.

- A number of people commented on how the CEP results would be evaluated. Monica noted the project team welcomes suggestions.
- Monica said the project team would integrate comments from the task force in to the CEP. Task force members are invited to participate in community engagement activities.
- There are several types of community engagement, including inform, consult, involve, collaborate and empower.

Questions/Comments
- Will we have access to other successfully adopted climate action plans as a resource? [Yes, we will add those to Basecamp as a resource.]
- It would be useful to add approved plans from climates similar to ours.
- Need to align our plan with state and federal initiatives, recent legislation and the Governor's Executive Order.
- Need to look at both positive and negative ripple effects from plans that have been implemented.
- To support equity, we need to provide resources in hard copies, not just electronically, and in multiple languages.
- Can engagement be broken down by urban, suburban and rural? [Yes]
- Educating the public is a big deal. We need to provide a base level of understanding because this is complex.
- Will we be coordinating with other counties in the area? [Multnomah County / Portland have a climate action plan. Washington County is considering a climate action plan. Hood River County has a plan focused on energy and energy-resilience. County-level plans are relatively rare, partly because they have less regulatory authority than cities; tend to be more city plans. There will be communications between the jurisdictions.]

V. **Introduction to Prioritization Criteria**
Sarah Allison said the task force will be asked to look at possible actions through individual criteria and then a more holistic view. We would like feedback from members on the prioritization criteria before we present it to the Board of Commissioners.

The proposed criteria fall into the following 10 categories (attached):
1. Greenhouse Gas Mitigation
2. Resilience
3. Financial Impact
4. Available Technology
5. Equity Impact
6. Co-benefits
7. County Influence Over Implementation
8. Compatibility with Other Initiatives
9. Expected Timeline
10. Breadth of Support

Questions/Comments
- What are you including in greenhouse gas? [Includes CO_2 equivalent]

- Will there be intergovernmental agreements with cities? [This plan won't direct cities in any way, but we will be open to working with them.]

Task force members were asked to note any additional comments on the Mural app.

VI.   Introduction to Business as Usual (BAU)
Jeremy Murphy gave a quick preview of the BAU findings that will be presented at the next meeting. Task force members are asked to watch a webinar on the modeling used to develop the BAU before the next meeting. It looks at modeling assumptions, processes, etc. to set a baseline for how this is being done; reviews project phases with a concentration on technical considerations; use of countywide energy use data; describes how the data is used; how assumptions are generated; how the model works at a high level; how assumptions are used in the modeling; relationships between different sectors; and introduction to emissions reductions modeling.

Questions/Comments
- What kind of population growth are you projecting? [It's in the webinar.]
- Are you considering the impacts of HB 2001 and HB 2003? [If it's legislation that's in place that has an effect on energy use and emissions, we include those considerations.]
- The Governor's Executive Order is going to have huge impacts to this work and the models.

VII.   Public comments
There was no public comment.

VIII.   Next steps, meeting evaluation
For the next meeting, task force members are asked to:
- Review the Modeling Webinar
- Continue to review and comment on the Prioritization Criteria on Mural
- Respond to prompts on Basecamp

The next meeting is on Thursday, August 26, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Collaborative Conditions

The following themes were generated by task force members at Meeting #1 on July 29, 2021, when asked to consider "what works" in collaboration. These are proposed as the essential attitudes, behaviors, and values that the CATF agrees to practice to support successful collaboration among its members.

A. **Show up and be present.** Actively participate in meetings and conversations.

B. **Listen.** Commit to listening *and* hearing, even in conflict or disagreement.

C. **Be curious.** Be open to diverse opinions and other points of view with a sense of curiosity.

D. **Use tension as a tool.** Embrace tension, difference and disagreement as an opportunity for learning and refinement.

E. **Respect each other.** Show respect to your task force colleagues and assume best intent. Disagree with ideas, not people.

F. **Get creative.** Think outside the box to help create a meaningful CAP.

G. **Practice trust**. Allow the processes to unfold and the group to move through them.

H. **Bring your passion.** Passion to co-create a future that supports people and the planet will fuel our effort.

I. **Practice humility.** You can't know it all! Ask questions and make requests when you need more information.

J. **Keep your eyes on the prize.** With a clear end goal, we will create and work towards actionable milestones.

K. **Prioritize "good enough".** To keep our work moving forward, don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good (enough) .

L. **Learn iteratively.** Decisions are made based on the information we have now and adapting and improvement through iterative learning is essential.

M. **Share power.** Be conscious of power dynamics and actively shift and share power towards those who hold less.

N. **Integrate community voice.** The CATF represent some segments of the community, but not all. We commit to listening to and integrating preferences and ideas into the plan development.

Climate Action Plan – Draft Prioritization Criteria to Design and Evaluate Actions

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA SCALE
GHG Mitigation	Impact of the action on GHG reductions and carbon sequestration measured as the total tons of CO_2e reductions	Scaled from • <1% of needed GHG reduction from 2018 levels, • 1-5%, of needed GHG reduction from 2018 levels • 5-10%, of needed GHG reduction from 2018 levels • 10-15% (may add more if any action is more than 15% of reduction
Resilience	Ability of the action to increase preparedness to adapt and reduce vulnerability to a wide variety of environmental, economic, and social impacts from climate change	• Negligible benefits in reduced vulnerability, • Modest benefits in reduced vulnerability, • Substantial benefits in reduced vulnerability, • Major benefits in reduced vulnerability,
Financial Impacts	The net magnitude and timing of costs or savings community-wide	• Net cost • Break even • Net savings in the short term • Net savings in the long term
Available Technology	Availability of technology or techniques necessary to implement actions	• Available and accessible now, • likely available within time horizon of target, • unlikely to be available within time needed, or • not available/needs to be created
Equity Impacts	Degree to which the action increases equitable access to resources and opportunities	Communities most vulnerable to negative impacts of climate change (first and worst) are: • indirectly or directly harmed • neither harmed nor helped, • modestly helped, but indirectly, or • prioritized and explicitly helped

Associated benefits and harm (Co-benefits / co-harms)	Impact on public health (e.g. air quality, chronic conditions) Impact on land and environment (e.g soil and water quality, biodiversity, and ecosystems) Impact on jobs and employment	• Anticipated harms that would need to be mitigated or accepted, • no noted benefits or harms, • moderate benefits, • substantial benefits anticipated
County Influence over Implementation	County-level ability to influence the implementation	• depending on others - County has no direct or advocacy role – could educate or endorse • Policy advocacy - County has no direct role, but can advocate to the body with authority • Partnership - County plays a key role, but cannot act independently • Direct - County has authority to act independently
Compatibility with other initiatives	Synergies and conflicts with existing State or National policies in the near-term	• Conflict with known initiatives, • no known conflicts or synergies, • modest synergies, • significant synergies with known initiatives
Expected timeline	The expected timeline given the order of operations necessary to achieve the action	• Long and rigid timeline, • Some limitations on timeline/phasing (must align with other actions/circumstances) • Provides key early action (significant impact or enables other actions) • flexible timing
Breadth of support	The level of support that exists from local experts, policy makers, business owners, community members and other stakeholders needed for success.	• little/no support, • neutral/mixed, • modest support, • extensive support