

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2025

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM by Brian Henning

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Bob Lutz, Larry Luton, Happy Avery, Elyse Hochstadt, Kerry Brooks, Kevin Fagan, Lea Molina, Hala Zahalqa, Kit Parker
- Board Members Not Present: Kathryn Alexander, Matthew Hollon
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Tirrell Black, Emily King, Raylene Gennett, Marlene Feist, Elizabeth Schoedel, Maren Murphy, Logan Callen, KayCee Downey, Kelly Thomas, Katherine Miller, Sarah Sirott, Marlene Feist

Minutes: Minutes from 12/12/2024 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Brian Henning**
 - Brian began by noting that some of our community members are confronting severe impacts of the changing climate and paused for a moment to imagine what they are going through, similar to what our neighbors experienced locally during recent fires.
 - Brian discussed a few housekeeping items and reminders:
 - The board is proceeding under Robert's Rules. If members wish to be addressed, they should raise their hands, and he will do his best to give them the floor.
 - If members have an electronic device they are able to bring, it does make it easier to have all agenda materials available.
 - A request if members can review all briefing materials ahead of time so the board can get into the weeds on items as quickly as possible.
 - Brian has asked that for presentations, time be split with two thirds presentation and one third discussion so that there is enough time to engage in discussion.
 - If members could let Brian know if they need to be absent, email Brian at his city email address so he is aware.
 - The Community Climate Action Fund, which is funded by an EPA grant, launches on the 15th of January. Grants are available to community-based organizations or partners.
 - Part of the mission of this body relates to the Sustainability Action Plan, that combined with the Comp Plan are two important focuses. Brian proposed to add an hour briefing to the March meeting to get up to speed on what those plans entail so that the board may be able to make useful suggestions.
- **Secretary Report - Tirrell Black**
 - Tirrell discussed a few housekeeping items:
 - There is a webpage for the board that has member information, as well as agendas, minutes, and meeting recordings.
 - We have received six OPMA certificates. It is required within the first 90 days of appointment, so if members have not completed that, please take the time to do so. Please turn in your certificate, as Planning staff will provide those to the City Clerk's Office.
 - Brian, Amanda, and Tirrell discussed compiling a list of any non-City organizations that might want to get on the agenda in the future. Members can email that information to Tirrell.

- Planning is starting EIS scoping and visioning with agencies, the community, and tribes in February into March for the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Tirrell is staff on the Steering Committee of Elected Officials, which is a regional planning group of elected officials. At the workshop of that group on January 29th they are looking at the county-wide climate planning policies.
- The City of Spokane Planning department does have a climate survey out right now as well.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously with an amendment.

- Kerry Brooks motioned to add time to the end of the agenda to discuss the form of feedback that board members would like to provide to presenters.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Climate Planning Technical Update #1 – Policy Audit, Climate Justice, Spatial Index
 - Presentation provided by: BERK Consulting, Maren Murphy
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Water Quality – NLT (Next Level Treatment) and CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow)
 - Presentation provided by staff member: Raylene Gennett
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Discussion Regarding Board Member Feedback on Presentations
 - Discussion proposed by: Kerry Brooks
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:46 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, February 13, 2025.