

SAS STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 5th, 2024

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Steering Committee Members: Chair Larry Luton, Michelle Howard, Naghmana Sherazi, Brian Henning, Rowena Pineda, Mindy Howard

Not Present: Sarah Burruss, Pragya Rai, Dave Garegnani, Esther Angell, Matthew Hollon, Staci Maier

Staff: Kelly Thomas

Agenda Items

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Larry reminded all that we are now recording these meetings, and that only Steering Committee members and presenting guests will be speaking.

City Council Liaison Report: Kelly reviewed the new cooling ordinance that is being discussed and written this month. Brian Henning gave a more detailed overview of the purpose and background for this ordinance.

Chair's Report: Tonight, Larry has a few parts to his report but should not take up too much time. There is a GreenHouse Gas reporting update with a presentation put together by the Environmental Programs part of the city. This report contains a forecast for Spokane's emissions if there is no action taken, and other forecasts that are based on actions the state and federal government have taken that affect the Spokane community. The conclusion from this chart is that Spokane is not on track for low- enough GHG emissions needed for the future. The presentation also broke down the categories that account for most GHG emissions. They are as follows: natural gas 39%, on-road and off-road transportation 33%, aviation 22%, solid waste 13%. Larry wants to make sure that the Steering Committee has this kind of information in mind when making decisions on what actions to take. It is time to start thinking about what the next topics are to focus on.

Brian Henning asked Larry and Kelly, if it would be appropriate to invite the people who put together the presentation to talk with SASSC. He is very interested in the way that the baseline for the GHG reporting was 2016.

Kelly: Since we last talked, this report was just presented to the mayor's cabinet by Logan Callan and Katherine Miller from our integrated capital management group.

At this point, another committee member joined the call so there was officially 6 members at the meeting. Larry asks if there are any objections to the minutes from February 6th. No objections, but Brian mentions that since we have the audio files of the meetings posted online, the minutes do not need to be as extensive, as people can fill in the gaps with the audio. There have been issues with the quality of the audio, and Kelly Thomas recommends downloading the audio in order to have a smoother listening experience.

WORKSHOPS:

Presentation by Brian Henning on Mayor Brown's Transition Committee Report (No public testimony will be taken during this workshop.)

The Mayor's transition committees were split up into five different groups, but Brian will only be talking about the committee titled "Building a Resilient Future" today. This committee involved both budget, finance and sustainability, climate topics. There are all sorts of documents that have been created by the administration that share different levels of detail regarding each recommendation. Everyone should be able to access the 25 page report written by this transition committee. Brian's presentation is a best effort to summarize many different conversations that took place regarding these recommendations.

Tonight, Brian is going to chat specifically about the 2nd, 4th and 5th recommendations. Details of his comments can be found in the audio recording of this meeting.

Memo to PIES regarding our priorities

Larry will now discuss the memo to PIES. After receiving the feedback from last month, it seems like the Steering Committee would like to expand the purpose of the recommendations from just a summary of recommendations from the workgroups. Larry reviewed the various edits he made to the draft memo after specific feedback from the last meeting. He is also now opening up the discussion to additional priorities the committee wants to cover that were not mentioned by the workgroups. There is discussion of the priorities not being as effective in addressing GHG specifically, and not being as effective in addressing the big issues as they could be. The committee discusses how there are many grants available right now and lots of momentum to gain. Larry will continue to work on this PIES memo and send out a draft before next month's meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

PREPARED BY:

Ruby Nelson

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Betty Wilkerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a prominent flourish at the end.