



Community Climate Advisory Committee

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

3:00-5:00 p.m.

The Community Climate Advisory Committee met in person with virtual accommodations. Present: [Eric Holthaus and Sandy Fowler of the city, Kristine Sorensen, John Sakrasek, Jean Wiedenheft, Laura Barr, Kelzye Bedwell] all present in person. Present virtually [Sylvia Brueckert of the city, Abby Finis and Kris Acuña of Great Plains Institute, Mark Weldon, Ana McClain, Jason Snell].

AGENDA

This meeting was held in person and on-line.

Introduction and Agenda Overview Eric Holthaus off the city kicked off the meeting with introductions. Abby Finis of the Great Plains Institute gave an overview of the agenda and a progress update on the stages of the climate action plan.

Public Engagement and Survey Results. Abby Finis gave an overview on the focus group outreach, where meetings were held with industrial stakeholders, neighborhoods and small businesses, non-profit and anchor institutions, and medium and large businesses. Eric presented on the phase two public survey, highlighting how the second phase survey prioritized the engagement of under-resourced residents. The initiatives prioritised by the survey respondents were: Healthy Food Access, Green and Healthy Homes, ReLeaf, City-School Partnerships, Green Corridors.

Initiatives Overview. Abby Finis provided an overview of how the initiatives are structured. Eric and Abby went through fifteen initiatives that the committee will give feedback on in the next exercise.

General Feedback on Initiatives

- Including waste as more of a focus, and include sustainable materials
- Focusing on education and schools, ensure alignment with resolution
- Seems like they are too many, can they be combined?
- Make sure the initiatives and actions are more than suggestions

- Important that we have metrics we can measure that are easy to find

Initiatives Exercise. Abby Finis led the committee through an exercise where members were invited to provide feedback on the initiatives by discussing what can be changed, added, removed. The initiatives will continue to be refined and discussed at the next CCAC meeting.

Next Steps and Close. Abby Finis closed out the meeting and reminded folks the next meeting is July 27th at 3pm, which will continue to focus on feedback on initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM CST.