

**TOWN OF CARRBORO  
CLIMATE ACTION TEAM– SUMMARY**



Meeting on January 20, 2022, 7:30 pm

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Town Council Member</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Diane Robertson	Chrissie Schalkoff	Randee Haven-O'Donnell	Laura Janway
Shante Mays	Lauren Nyland	Sammy Slade	
Heidi Paulsen	Caroline Zhou		
Kathy Kaufman	Tilly Pick		
Rob Pinder			

Note: Absent/Excused: None

**Call to Order, Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Chair Kaufman.

**Approve 12/16/21 Meeting Minutes**

Pick motioned to approve the 12/16/21 meeting minutes, seconded by Paulsen. All voted in favor. **AYES: (9)** Mays, Robertson, Zhou, Kaufman, Pick, Nyland, Schalkoff, Paulsen, Pinder; **NAYES: (0)**.

**Discussion Items**

**Prepare Comments for Draft Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan**

CAT members finalized their comments for the Draft Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan. Motion was made by Pick, seconded by Paulsen to second the comments from the EAB's review of the Preliminary Draft Plan and add additional comments from the CAT. All voted in favor. **AYES: (9)** Zhou, Schalkoff, Mays, Robertson, Kaufman, Pick, Nyland, Paulsen, Pinder; **NAYES: (0)**.

Motion was made by Paulsen and seconded by Pick that the CAT recommended the following:

<b>Entire Document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve accessibility, navigation</li> </ul>
<b>Metrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact on equity</li> <li>• Split metrics into process measures and evaluation measures</li> <li>• Provide concrete examples</li> <li>• Legibility</li> <li>• Reference that the revised CCAP goal was based on climate justice</li> <li>• The Town should utilize 20% of its annual budget to achieve climate action goals</li> </ul>
<b>Climate Action - General</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide context on different sectors of emissions, scope of Town's inventory</li> <li>• Provide information from Town employee survey</li> <li>• Provide more information about how the Town will implement these actions and what actions are already in place</li> <li>• Clarify what is policy and what is implementation</li> <li>• Prioritize by carbon reduction and climate justice</li> <li>• Evaluate in the context of the Town's emissions reduction goals</li> </ul>
<b>Climate Action Key Findings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap the primary drivers of GHG emissions from human action</li> <li>• Acknowledge the interdependencies between systems</li> <li>• Explore how to make citizens responsible for reaching the 80% reduction of GHG</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>emissions</li> <li>Consider joint efforts</li> </ul>
<b>Race and Equity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relate the Climate Action sub-section back to race and/or equity</li> </ul>
<b>Climate Action and Draft Metrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State the metrics more clearly as (1) GHG emissions in metric tons, (2) Carrboro town spending towards Climate Action activities</li> <li>Define measurement/reporting strategies</li> </ul>
<b>Increase the use of renewable energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The plan needs boots-on-the-ground activities and resources</li> </ul>
<b>Strategy 1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure participation by lower-income and BIPOC residents in Climate Action policy discussions, decisions, and implementation</li> </ul>
<b>Food Choices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate initiatives outlined in the CCAP</li> </ul>
<b>Rental Property Task Force</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include all stakeholders in the discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Strategy 4.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make technical assistance programs available for all Carrboro citizens</li> </ul>
<b>Page 59-60</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define environment more broadly than tree canopy and native plantings</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize organizations with commitments to business and social outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflect the idea of connectivity in the metrics</li> </ul>
<b>Energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building electrification</li> <li>Electric vehicle charging stations</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Match symbols on the key to the rest of the document</li> <li>Ensure headings are in consistent locations throughout document</li> <li>Consider forming an implementation committee to help with evaluating metrics and reporting</li> <li>Align project with the Town's climate action goals and climate action plan implementation</li> <li>Note which initiatives are outlined in the Community Climate Action Plan</li> <li>Revisit this chapter on a regular basis</li> <li>Add relative greenhouse gas emissions reduction information</li> <li>Fix symbol alignment on page 220</li> <li>Update Implementation Plan; re-survey advisory boards to reflect the updates and recent comments collected</li> <li>The Implementation Plan should align with the overall Comprehensive Plan as it is revised</li> </ul>

All voted in favor of approving the comments. AYES: (9) Pinder, Paulsen, Schalkoff, Mays, Robertson, Zhou, Kaufman, Pick, Nyland; NAYES: (0).

**Current Climate Action Initiatives Discussion**

Staff member Janway presented the FY21-22 Environmental Sustainability Work Plan and described current climate initiatives.

**Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Paulsen and seconded by Nyland, with all members voting in favor. All voted in favor. AYES: (9) Kaufman, Zhou, Robertson, Mays, Pinder, Paulsen, Pick, Schalkoff, Nyland; NAYES: (0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.