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



Meeting on February 16, 2023, 7:00 pm

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Town Council Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Rob Pinder	Randee Haven-O'Donnell	Laura Janway	Riz Rashdi (CAT Applicant)
Chrissie Schalkoff	Sammy Slade		Meg Molloy (CAT Applicant)
Tilly Pick			Greg Randolph (CAT Applicant)
Kathy Kaufman			Brooke Barton

Note: Absent/Excused: Caroline Zhou, Lauren Nyland, Heidi Paulsen

### **Call to Order, Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Chair Kaufman was experiencing internet issues, so members agreed that member Schalkoff would run the meeting until the Chair's internet issues were resolved.

### **Approve 1/19/22 Meeting Minutes**

Pinder motioned to approve the 1/19/22 meeting minutes, seconded by Pick. All voted in favor. **AYES: (4)** Kaufman, Pinder, Schalkoff, Pick; **NAYES: (0)**.

### **Elect Chair, Vice-Chair**

Pick motioned to move the election to the next meeting, seconded by Pinder. All voted in favor. **AYES: (4)** Pick, Schalkoff, Kaufman, Pinder; **NAYES: (0)**.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Discuss Ecosystem Module Presentation for National Invasive Species Awareness Week Outreach**

Staff member Janway provided a presentation of the latest version of the Ecosystem Module. Town Council Member Haven-O'Donnell recommended disseminating information about fertilizer use during the spring. Town Council Member Slade mentioned that they could integrate the Town's stormwater consulting program into module presentations. Member Pick mentioned the Green Neighborhood Program and that one of the best ways to get involvement will be to provide examples of potential projects. Applicant Molloy mentioned that they need to be sure that people can maintain the work that they begin and it might be helpful to show people the three simplest things they can do. Members agreed that talking to landlords is important and demonstration projects in visible places might be helpful. Town Council Member Haven-O'Donnell mentioned the possibility of a call for native plant cultivars to share with neighbors and community members.

### **Discussion Topics**

- **Weatherization**
- **Green Neighborhoods Program**
- **Invasive Species**

CAT members provided updates on discussions held by groups of CAT members and applicants outside of CAT meetings.

Chair Kaufman asked about the next steps for the invasive species group. Applicant Molloy mentioned that it is important to think about how to engage people who cannot afford to spend lots of financial resources on this topic.

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Members discussed how to present the module in neighborhoods. Applicant Rashdi left the meeting at 8:15 pm and member Pinder left at 8:22 pm.

Member Schalkoff and applicant Molloy discussed their meeting about food choices. They mentioned that there are not a lot of barriers to get started and the initiative can focus on individual food choice habits as well as the restaurant supply side. Their ideas included an overarching campaign with separate brands or logos for food choices and invasives, among others. They discussed an image that restaurants or businesses can publicly display and having a menu of climate action choices for restaurants, such as a once-a-week climate friendly meal, creating a separate menu section dedicated to climate-friendly food choices, introducing composting, or landscaping with natives. They stated that there is a question of how to give these restaurants recognition for their efforts. Schalkoff also mentioned that more educational materials could be created using the results from the Town's food choice survey and the Town could continue work on the climate friendly cookbook and consider holding a community fall harvest festival. Applicant Molloy mentioned that the best places for change are places like restaurants and schools and the messaging is important. Chair Kaufman mentioned that restaurants could also be informed of how they could get energy audits, tax credits and rebates. Town Council Member Haven-O'Donnell discussed the need to calculate the impact of eating local food. Applicant Randolph left 8:46 pm. Members asked staff how they can interact with other residents, businesses, and organizations to discuss climate action. Staff member Janway stated that she would get clarity from Town staff and report back.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Pick to adjourn, seconded by Schalkoff. All voted in favor. **AYES: (4)** Pinder, Kaufman, Schalkoff, Pick; **NAYES: (0)**. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.