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



Meeting on April 21, 2022, 7:30 pm

Board Members	Town Council Members	Staff	Guests
Kathy Kaufman	Randee Haven-O'Donnell	Laura Janway	Bill Ward
Tilly Pick	Sammy Slade		
Chrissie Schalkoff			
Heidi Paulsen			
Lauren Nyland			

Note: Absent/Excused: Caroline Zhou, Diane Robertson, Rob Pinder

Call to Order, Announcements

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

Approve 3/17/22 Meeting Minutes

Staff member Janway mentioned that CAT member Pinder sent a suggested edit to the minutes by email to add the phrase, “and Orange County” to the EV charging station section. Pick motioned to approve the 3/17/22 meeting minutes with the edit suggested by Rob Pinder. The motion was seconded by Paulsen. All voted in favor. **AYES: (4)** Pick, Kaufman, Nyland, Schalkoff; **NAYES: (0)**. CAT member Paulsen abstained from the vote due to her absence at the 3/17/22 meeting.

Discussion Items

Discuss 2022 CAT Meetings Calendar

CAT members discussed their 2022 meetings calendar and schedule. After discussion, there was a consensus that 7:00 pm would work best for both CAT members and staff. A motion to add additional meetings on May 19th, 2022 and June 16th, 2022 was made by Pick, seconded by Paulsen. All voted in favor. **AYES: (5)** Paulsen, Kaufman, Schalkoff, Pick, Nyland **NAYES: (0)**.

How Carrboro is addressing climate action goals

Staff member Janway gave a presentation on Carrboro’s current work to address climate action goals.

Discussion of moving forward to specifically address Carrboro's climate goals

CAT members discussed how to harness the energy and skills of its members to work on specific projects recommended in the Community Climate Action Plan. Chair Kaufman stated that building energy usage and transportation are the largest sources of emissions in Carrboro and there are several programs that could be implemented that would address these emissions sources.

Council Member Slade mentioned that CAT members should remember the context of the greenhouse gas reductions needed, the costs of implementing these reductions, and the necessary timeframe of the Town’s climate action goals.

Nyland mentioned she is interested in the Green Neighborhoods Program and asked staff member Janway to share which projects would benefit from CAT member assistance and input.

Schalkoff mentioned that CAT members should think about which projects they are interested in and which skills they can bring to the table.

Guest Ward described three choices in reducing greenhouse gas emissions: 1) Reducing electricity usage; 2) Reducing emissions from transportation; and 3) Transitioning away from natural gas usage. He asked the CAT to take more action on transitioning away from natural gas usage.

Council Member Haven-O'Donnell suggested that the CAT should create an outline to address aligning the Community Climate Action Plan with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School system and should communicate with CHCCS staff.

Pick mentioned his expertise working to improve program user experience and indicated his willingness to help work to update the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund. He suggested creating a spreadsheet to organize projects and needs.

Paulsen volunteered to put together an outline for a spreadsheet that CAT members could use to organize climate action topics and members' interests and skills. CAT members decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

Earth Day Outreach Event Discussion

CAT members discussed the upcoming Earth Day Outreach Event to be held at Carrboro Town Commons.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Paulsen and seconded by Pick, with all members voting in favor. **AYES: (5)** Nyland, Schalkoff, Paulsen, Pick, Kaufman; **NAYES: (0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.