

## Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

### **Mission:**

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change



### **Committee Members:**

- Members:** Richard Bisbee, Howard Chermak, Bob, Freeman, Wes Gallagher, Hank Landau, Cynthia Pruitt, Rebecca Wolfe, Valerie Stewart
- City Staff:** Mayor Dave Earling, Rob Chave, Steve Fisher, Carolyn LaFave, Jen Machuga, Jim Stevens

### **Meeting Agenda**

**September 5, 2013 @ 9 am**

**PLEASE NOTE: The presentation by Executive Director of Built Green, Aaron Adelstein, has been postponed until the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting so Mayor Earling can attend.**

1. Green Business Recognition Program	
2. Where are we on display/educational materials? Assignments and due dates	
3. Awards for Earth Day 2014	
4. Subcommittee reports/project data updates including information to put on website	

### **Meeting Minutes August 1, 2013**

**Attendees:** Cynthia Pruitt, Rebecca Wolfe, Steve Fisher, Val Stewart, Rob Chave, Howard Chermak, Janice Freeman, Bob Freeman, Carolyn LaFave

**Guests:** Carolyn & Roy Chapel

Meeting was called to order at 9:02

### **Presentation to Retired CPC Member**

1. Mayor Earling presented retired CPC member Carolyn Chapel with a paperweight thanking her for her years of service to the committee. Carolyn thanked the city staff for all of their hard work to help move the agenda of the CPC forward. She also had one last book recommendation, The Great Disruption by Paul Gilding.

### **June Meeting Minutes**

1. As both Jen Machuga and Carolyn LaFave were absent at the June meeting there were no meeting minutes to present. The committee members were asked to send any notes they took from that meeting to Carolyn so she can compile them.

### **Question from Cynthia Pruitt**

1. In response to Cynthia Pruitt's suggestion at the June meeting to start each meeting with a question posed to the committee, Cynthia started this meeting off with the following question: "what's central to you?"
  - a. Cynthia – exciting hearing success stories
  - b. Rebecca – excited to work with young people educating them
  - c. Steve – outreach and education to get kids and getting students more engaged in understanding the connections
  - d. Val – taking action towards more sustainable future, also educating students and decision makers and making sure they hear the people with the knowledge.
  - e. Rob – trying to convince people of cause and affect
  - f. Howard – working with contractors who are working in the business and seeing how they build more sustainably.
  - g. Janice – saving the planet, time is against us – pick the ones you can educate and move forward as fast as we can. Push ahead, without reports and studies, more results.
  - h. Bob – reading about new studies about leveling off of carbon dioxide. They have determined that this has come from the voluntary adoption of all kinds of provisions for saving energy by general public. Think about this when you get discouraged because in fact because of all of our collective actions we are getting somewhere.

### **Upcoming Speakers**

1. Val has scheduled Aaron Adelstein to speak at the September meeting. Aaron is the executive director of the Built Green program of **King** and Snohomish Counties Master Builders Association. He will speak on sustainable building. Val asked committee members to email to her any topics you would like Aaron to address.
2. For the October meeting Val suggested we review our most current outline to see if we are headed in the right direction.

### **Solar Permitting Presentation**

1. Howard discussed the over the counter solar permitting process that the City has instituted. It was suggested that some publicity be sent out addressing this. Rob volunteered to write an article for fall city newsletter. Cynthia said they would look at doing a success story on this topic. Howard will connect with other contractors to see if any of them have gone through the process and would agree to be interviewed for the success story piece.

### **City's Green Fleet**

1. Val presented an article that she wrote regarding the City's green fleet.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

1. Outreach group has interviewed the Methodist Church and they have a draft in the works. It was suggested that it would be nice to give them an award.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am**

**Next Meeting, Thursday, September 5, 2013**

