

CARP Implementation Task Force minutes

April 5, 2022

Members: Jerri Garl, Wendy Pollock, Matt Cotter, Joel Freeman, Hank Neuberger, Rachel Rosner

Staff: Cara Pratt, Brian Zimmerman

Public: Emmet Ebels-Duggan, Milo Slevin, Jessy Bradish

Called to order at 4:03 pm.

Public comment

Emmet, from E-Town Sunrise, is interested in the climate emergency resolution.

Milo wrote for RoundTable about CARP, also interested in resolution.

Minutes

Approved

Announcement

Cara: \$500,000 earmark from Federal government for Accessible Solar Program, part of FY22 Omnibus Appropriations

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/Home/Components/News/News/5600/17>

“The City’s Office of Sustainability will oversee development and implementation of Evanston’s Accessible Solar Program, which will directly support low-income residents and make progress towards the City’s goal of achieving 100 percent renewable electricity citywide.”

Cara will consult with Environment Board/CIT about implementation.

Climate emergency resolution

Reviewed revised version of resolution and memo, plans for April 25 Council meeting

Hank: Most important “win” is putting responsibility for reporting on progress on City Manager.

Emmet: Especially supports prescriptive prioritization of climate action as in the last item (about businesses)

Process going forward (following sign-off by sponsoring Council members): Cara will put this into the agenda system so it’s formatted, along with her report

Discussed which council members are committed, or likely to commit

Rachel and Hank will coordinate public comment, suggest promotional strategy.

Climate dashboard

Jerri summarized presentation by KLA, a company that specializes in creating dashboard websites for municipalities to track/report on climate action. Cara will have update after April 25.

Matt asks about GHG inventory, which is part of his professional work. Cara will get in touch with him for possible help figuring out GHG accounting spreadsheets inherited from Kumar Jensen.

Joel points to CARP document for some metrics

Brian is working on zero waste metrics, what IT is capable of, investigating company that works for Austin, Portland, other cities, will want to consider how would this be integrated into a more general dashboard.

Other Earth Month events

Opportunities to communicate with public officials about the climate resolution could include:

Milo: E-Town Sunrise walk out on Earth Day; ETHS climate conference, when youth will be encouraged to contact public officials

Rachel: 10-second film festival, TeachOut at NU

CARP implementation agenda

Cara reviewed a working draft that grew out of a council member's list of legislative actions anticipated for 2022. This mix of legislation + project implementation will be included by reference in the resolution.

Brian: doorstep textile recycling memo to Council on April 25, plastic bag policies still awaiting Council direction.

Comprehensive (and strategic) plan

Two finalist firms being reviewed now. Joel asks what are core precepts

RFP emphasized community engagement to build vision of what ideal city would look like.

Future CIT meetings - Wednesday before second Thursday going forward, 4 pm

Adjourned at 5:40 pm