

Climate Action Plan Community Advisor Committee

September 20, 2018

Do you support the proposed Resolution?

N/A

Is there specific feedback you would send to Council regarding this Resolution?

- The Committee was supportive of the definition of renewable electricity in the resolution.
- The Committee appreciated that vulnerable populations were mentioned in the resolution and the overall approach to addressing social equity and just transitions at the local level and beyond.
- The Committee had questions regarding the timeline of reviewing the goal and asked for benchmarks/milestones (e.g. short-term goals and specific metrics) to be included for accountability; though not to be included in the resolution if it will create restrictions. This would make the Committee more supportive of an aspirational goal. The Committee discussed how these metrics and benchmarks would be embedded in the upcoming planning processes.
- The Committee had questions about a plan being developed by staff after the goal is established, and if that plan would set milestones and metrics. Staff noted that yes, this is a key part of the planning processes.
- Discussion occurred about an open market for energy and the implications of selling and buying energy instead of storing with batteries.
- Committee members discussed the future of coal plants regarding the timeline of the plants and the superior nature of Rawhide to remove certain environmental pollutants. Some members questions whether the Resolution should get more specific on this; others suggested keeping it as broad as possible until the plan is developed.
- The Committee commented on the language of “means that ... do not add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere” and whether all of these sources add greenhouse gases. As with other groups, the CAC spent time on supply chain versus production emissions, acknowledging the science around this work is in a nascent stage and should be incorporated as we head toward 2030.
- The Committee discussed TBL-S, particularly the balancing the social and economic impacts regrading cost.
- As with all groups, the CAC stressed the importance of affordability and reliability.
- CAC members also noted that the city is lucky to have the various planning efforts, whether through City Plan, the Integrated Resource Plan, CAP, etc. because no one effort can do it all.
- CAC members noted the importance of workforce training and partnerships with our schools and universities to help mitigate some of the potential economic impacts, e.g., for those in fossil fuel industries.

Attendees:

CAC members: Hunter Buffington, Stacey Baumgarn, Todd Dangerfield, Diana Hutchinson, Lisa Leveillee, Scott Denning, Trudy Trimbath, Dana Villeneuve, Molly McLaughlin, Dawn Paepke, Rose Lew

Staff: Lindsay Ex, Tim McCollough, Joe Wimmer, Jeff Mihelich, Lucinda Smith, Molly Saylor, Cameron Gloss, Emily Wilmsen