

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter CAP Community Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**May 19, 2016 12:00 – 2:00 PM**  
**281 N College Avenue, Conference Rooms B-D**

*Facilitator:* Chris Hutchison

*Attendance:* Fred Kirsch, Trudy Trimbath, Tim Seitz, Whitney Romero, Chadrick Martinez, Clint Skutchan, Ann Hutchison, Steve Balderson, Hunter Buffington, Dana Villeneuve, Steve Kuehneman, and Stacey Baumgarn

*Staff:* Lucinda Smith, John Phelan, Cameron Gloss, Travis Paige, Jackie Kozak Thiel, Aaron Iverson, Lindsay Ex, and Elisa Rivera

**Action Items:**

- **All of CAC:** Communicate with Lindsay about problems you encounter with the homework so she can help you work through them.
- **Lucinda Smith:** Rename Offer 26.18 to something other than “General Fund.”
- **John Phelan:** Provide the most recent cost information for Offer 6.24.
- **John Phelan:** Determine if there are any grant opportunities available for the thermostats in offer 6.75.
- **Aaron Iverson:** Determine if the Transfort Sunday Service would provide the same level of service as other days of the week.
- **Cameron Gloss:** Determine if there is demonstrated increase in ridership as a result of the low-stress bicycle improvements. Answer how offers 3.4 CCIP Bicycle Infrastructure and 3.11 Low Stress Bike Route Design and Construction are different.
- **Lindsay Ex:** Determine the incremental cost of the solar panels in offer 30.2.
- **Lindsay Ex:** Clearly communicate what the CAC saw, what they provided input on, and what they did not see or provide input on.

**Key Decisions and Questions:**

- CAC needs a prioritization of offers from staff to guide their discussion of areas of concern and support.
- How do we calculate the cost of CAP in these offers? What is the incremental cost of CAP in the offers?
- How to balance not overstating the cost of CAP and not overstating the impact of CAP?
  - Could categorize the offers into CAP driven, CAP enabling, and CAP beneficial to clarify the role that the offer has on CAP. CAP beneficial – Would submit the offer without CAP, but offer also contains benefits for CAP.

**Next Steps:**

- July 27, Lincoln Center - CAP Open House with Bill Ritter

- We want CAC's feedback on near term actions, but also long term planning. Next meeting, we'll touch base on how feedback around the BFO offers was used, but also look on to the 2020 Strategic Plan and messaging and engagement.
- Will share via email which offers went above the line and below the line and where that positions us in terms of reaching our 2020 goal. Lindsay will collect feedback back in a way that allows everyone see what others said.
- If committee meets again in August or September, committee can go over the recommended budget and provide feedback

#### **Additional Notes:**

#### Goals & Updates

- Goal: Discuss offers and provide feedback on which offers have the broadest support and concerns from the group
- Distributed 97 BFO offers that linked to the City strategic objective around greenhouse gas reduction
- CAP Executive team and Budget teams will receive CAC's feedback
  - Will share in August how CAC's feedback was used
  - Huge thank you to everyone for providing authentic and valuable input
- CAP staff teams are working to vet the 31 initiatives shared with you last meeting with the goal of refining the pathway to 2020
- The CAC will be able to provide input on the next CAP Work Session with Council

#### Discussion

- 26.18: ENHANCEMENT Climate Action Plan General Fund
  - Background: Offer is a response to a Council request recognizing the dynamic nature of climate action planning. There are only 2 budget cycles left before the 2020 goal, so Council suggested having a reserve fund. Projects using the fund will go through the same off-cycle appropriation process as all others in the City. Fund will have a similar set up to the existing Waste Innovation Fund with the protection of appropriations needing to go through Council to get approved.
  - **Question:** Why such a big price tag?
    - Council wanted to give as much room as possible to meet future opportunities for many different types of projects
  - **CAC Input:** Rename Offer to something other than "General Fund"
- 6.24 ENHANCEMENT Utilities: Water – Water Treatment Solar Energy System
  - Background: The Water Treatment Facility is outside of the City's service area, so solar would help offset electricity costs at the facility. Solar energy would cover 25% of energy usage at the facility.
  - **CAC Input:** Update offer with the most recent cost information.

- 6.78: ENHANCEMENT – Renewable Commercial Solar Power Purchases; 6.79 ENHANCEMENT – Renewable Commercial Solar Rebates; 6.80 ENHANCEMENT – Renewable Community Shared Solar
  - Background: Have an Ongoing offer for standard commercial solar rebates for small scale solar; the enhancement would add another 6 MW of solar in 2017 – 2018. Both Offers 6.78 and 6.79 are geared toward the non-residential sectors. Offer 6.80 funds expanded community solar. The system would be net-metered, so participants would have reduced energy bills rather than receive direct payments. Fort Collins has a successful community solar garden that sold out immediately. Offer 6.80 would be Phase 2 of this program.
  - **Question:** What impact does Platte River Power Authority have on these initiatives?
    - **Answer:** Initiatives like small residential and commercial that are net-metered don't need Platte River involved. However, bigger projects (bigger than 1 MW) like the Community Solar projects do involve Platte River.
  - **Question:** Why are these three separate offers? Could they be combined? Could they be prioritized?
    - **Answer:** The City often splits up budget offers to increase transparency. Were told to break these into 3 different offers. Because they affect different sectors, it's difficult to prioritize them.
- 1.6 ENHANCEMENT—Lemay Realignment and Railroad Crossing Improvements Project
  - Background: Offer involves improvements to the highly constrained railroad crossing that has been a long time need in the community. Offer covers engineering, not construction. Offer corresponds to Initiative 4. Expand Congestion Management System—an initiative that is projected to reduce 36,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2020. The offer is driven by both CAP and Operational needs.
- 67.11 ENHANCEMENT—Transfort Sunday Service and 7.5 FTE Support Staff for the Service
  - Background: Offer responds to a longstanding community desire for increased service on Sundays. Transfort is very active about adjusting routes and times based on ridership level.
  - **CAC Input:** Determine if the Sunday service would be at the same level as service during the rest of the week.
- 5.21 ENHANCEMENT—LED Street Light Conversion
  - Background: Best practices for efficient street lighting are out there, but there is not yet widespread acceptance. Lighting will correspond to the Dark Skies Initiative. Goal is to have efficient lighting based on what gets lit, when it gets lit, and how brightly it gets lit.
- 3.4 ENHANCEMENT—CCIP Bicycle Infrastructure
  - Background: Offer will implement a low stress bike network. Community survey showed that these types of improvements would increase bicycle ridership. Fort Collins is a leader when it comes to bicycle infrastructure, so getting data from other cities on whether this type of infrastructure increases ridership is difficult. Looking to Europe for

what to do next. Work is being done to improve the data available around bicycle ridership.

- **CAC Input:** Demonstrate increased bicycle ridership as a result of these infrastructure improvements. How are offers 3.4 and 3.11 different?
- 6.75 ENHANCEMENT—Distributed Energy Resource Management System
  - Background: Offer is an Enabling action for the Demand Response Program. Provides the opportunity for participants to use different types of thermostats when participating in the program. It is a voluntary program.
  - **CAC Input:** Are there any grant opportunities for acquiring these thermostats?
- 26.13 ENHANCEMENT—Leading By Example: Municipal Strategic Initiatives
  - Background: Offer supports a collection of individual projects that work toward meeting the City’s municipal sustainability goals. The projects represent the needs and interests of many different departments. Projects to be funded include an electric Zamboni for EPIC, a water bottle water dispenser at Aztlan Community Center, and a solar powered show mobile for the Parks Department. The drop in offer amount from year to year reflects the ongoing costs since the projects are one-time capital costs.
- 30.2 ENHANCEMENT—Police Solar Panels/Covered Parking
  - **CAC Input:** What are the incremental costs of the solar panels?

Support		Concern	
Offer	Feedback	Offer	Feedback
6.76 Energy Services	Energy efficiency programs are crucial	26.13 Leading By Example: Municipal Strategic Initiatives	Feels like a slush fund
6.80 Community Shared Solar	Strong community support	30.2 Police Solar Panels/Covered Parking	Questions around data and cost of offer
1.6 Lemay Realignment and Railroad Crossing Improvements Project	Emissions from transportation do fall under CAP	1.6 Lemay Realignment and Railroad Crossing Improvements Project	Infrastructure for transportation does not fall under CAP
		19.9 Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Site	If business couldn’t get it done, how can the government? Not sure if natural gas is the way to go.

### Wrapping Up

- What worked:
  - Being able to talk with staff made for a great discussion.

- Start/stop:
  - Homework was very time consuming. There should be more focus of work done in the meetings.
  - Make homework more clear and user friendly.