

City of Cambridge
Climate Protection Action Committee

Minutes

April 14, 2016
Martin Luther King, Jr. School

Attendees: Lauren Miller (chair), Johanna Jobin (vice chair), Olga Faktorovich Allen, Rosalie Anders, Sarah Brylinsky, Tom Chase, Peter Crowley, Keith Giamportone, Ted Live, Kris Locke, Tom Page, David Rabkin, Keren Schlomy, William Zamparelli, Quinton Zondervan; *staff:* Susanne Rasmussen, Bronwyn Cooke, John Bolduc

MLK School Tour

The meeting began with a tour of the school led by Jana Silsby, lead architect from Perkins Eastman. The reconstruction of the Martin Luther King, Jr. School was the City's first effort to follow net zero energy design principles. The final project was not able to achieve net zero status, but did achieve a low energy use intensity and includes a large solar photovoltaic system. The committee convened to conduct business and hear a presentation from Jana.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 16, 2016 were approved.

ETP Director's Report

- Nikhil was hired as a new energy planner in the Community Development Department, where he will be working on the Georgetown University Energy Prize and multifamily energy initiatives.
- The request for proposals for the low carbon energy supply study – one of the key recommendations of the Net Zero Action Plan – is to be issued imminently and proposals will be due on May 12th.
- The Kendall Square EcoDistrict energy supply study is moving along. Data collection is underway.
- Four proposals were received in response to the request for proposals for the community greenhouse gas inventory. Staff is reviewing them and will make a recommendation to the Purchasing Agent.
- The Community Development Department is aiming to request bids for a consultant to work on a solar ready ordinance.
- The proposal to increase the Zoning Ordinance's green building standard (Article 22) to LEED Gold is still being worked on. Questions are being resolved about potential conflicts with the state energy code.
- It is understood that the state's Stretch Energy Code update will be issued soon.
- At the Biopharma Sustainability Roundtable, Susanne found that science based targets for GHG emission reductions appear to be taking hold with many companies.

Quinton Zondervan reported that the Lexington Town Meeting approved an article to establish a net zero task force, similar to Cambridge's.

Continuation of MLK School Presentation

Jana Silsby made a presentation about the schools sustainability features and answered questions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Notes by John Bolduc