

City of Cambridge
CLIMATE COMMITTEE

Notes

January 11, 2024

- 6:00 pm 1. Welcome and approval of minutes (David Rabkin)
Dec. minutes APPROVED
- 6:05 2. Review Group Agreements (Meghan Shaw)
- 6:10 3. Public Comment (Public)
NONE
- 6:15 4. CRLS Climate Voices (Hajer Hyte + CRLS student)
Leadership team of 5 Students, building a coalition with 20 other student groups.
Goals: Education, Events, Policy
Hosting climate action week during Earth month coordinating with teachers to create climate curriculum walk-in events. Peer-created climate curriculum and activities around diverse subject areas.
Challenge: Denied official club status by school club council. Seen as too similar to other enviro. clubs.
CCC Action: Guidance/Support on getting school club approval
CCC Action: CCC members attend Climate week summit event
VOTE: Support Climate Voices group APPROVED
- 6:25 5. Election of Officers (All)
Nominated: Michelle Holmes – Chair; Mallorie Barber – Vice Chair; Rachel Mural – Secretary
VOTE: Elect officer slate APPROVED
- 6:40 4. Net Zero Action Plan Status Report (Thomas O’Neill)
Presentation on the FY23 NZAP Status Report.
- 7:00 7. City Manager/Department heads meeting in February
Possible questions to the City Manage:

1. *What is useful for CCC to do?*
2. *How does the City think it's doing?*
3. *What are the CM's and Dept. Heads' goals/vision?*
4. *Where are the places where City Departments aren't putting climate at the forefront?*
5. *What are the next 2-3 important things to tackle?*
6. *Are we structurally set up as a government to tackle climate change?*
7. *What are you willing/able to do through executive action? How does CCC bring these actions to you?*
8. *How much do the City Department Heads communicate with each other about climate?*
9. *How can we have different Departments brainstorm on the parked items in NZAP?*
10. *What tools does the City have to create financial tools/financing and incentives for residents and businesses investing in retrofitting their buildings?*

VOTE: Authorize the sub-committee to create final set of CM questions for review by officers based on January meeting discussion. APPROVED

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| 7:20 | 6. MA Recommendations of the Climate Chief

<i>Moved to February agenda</i> |
| 7:35 | 9. Director's update (Susanne Rasmussen)

<i>Fossil Fuel Free starts March 22</i> |
| 7:50 | 10. Adjournment |

Resources to have group read in advance

- FY23 NZAP Status report
- CM questions