

Minutes from CSC Task Force Meeting June 17, 2020

NOTE: Due to the presence of the COVID-19 in Tompkins County, this CSC Task Force meeting was conducted via Zoom videoconference. Meeting Recording:

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Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Simon Moll, Lynn Leopold, Katherine Herleman, Andrew Foster, Terry Carroll and Brian Toy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Old Business

- Hardaway reported that the two PE1 action documents, Evidence of Participation in TCCOG and CLWIO organizations, were presented to and passed by the Board of Trustees. Hardaway submitted the two documents to the online CSC tracking system.
- For PE2 actions, Terry Carroll and Brian Toy are assisting with the development of the Village's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. DPW fuel charges, provided by Jodi Dake, were forward to Terry and Brian for inclusion in the GHG inventory document. Hardaway has received electronic histories of the Village's energy usage/charges for the past six years. He still needs to pull physical records from the Village's archive for the years 2013 and 2014, which reflect the Village's transition from the old office building to the new building.

New Business

The Task Force continued its discussion on the CSC Pledge Element action steps.

PE 8. Support a green innovation economy.

- PE8 Action: Green Jobs Training
 - Participant-only scope with TCCOG and TCAD.
- PE8 Action: Green Vendor Fairs
 - Could focus on all aspects of green economy, including: Engineering, Architecture, Farming, Electric lawnmowers, etc.
- PE8 Action: Green Economic Development Plans
 - Participant-only scope.
- PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets

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- Support local markets, including: Village Farmer's Market at Triphammer Marketplace, Ithaca Coffee Company - CSA pickup location, Triphammer Reuse - might also be a CSA pickup location.
- PE8 Action: Buy Local/Buy Green Campaign
 - Promote Village residents to support: U-Pick locations, Get Your Green Back, etc. CCE has good resources on vendors.
 - Plan and implement sharing knowledge with VOL residents.
 - Include information in the VOL newsletters.
- PE8 Action: Brownfield Clean-up & Redevelopment
 - Brownfields sites - Cornell (older site contaminated with radioactive and chemical elements) north of airport.
 - Borg-Warner site (future?)
 - TC International Airport?
 - Turn brownfields into small-scale solar arrays?
 - Document appropriate methods for identifying, monitoring and implementing clean-up plans.
 - Add guidance in Village Comprehensive Plan and Greenway Plan.
- PE8 Action: Incentives for Green Businesses
 - Participant scope for county level.
 - Future green businesses - provide assistance via the Village.
 - PILOT payments, etc.
- ~~● PE8 Action: Energy Benchmarking for Private Buildings~~
 - Out of scope - county or utility level effort.
- PE8 Action: Financing Program for Building Energy Efficiency
 - Probably out of scope - state or county government-level effort.
 - Village might consider green revolving-fund loan for local businesses
 - Caroline and Binghamton have created these.
- PE8 Action: Community Choice Aggregation
 - Hardaway participates in the Energy subcommittee of TCCOG, which is focusing on CCA currently.
 - CSC Task Force members may join upcoming CCA webinars if they choose.
- PE8 Action: Solarize, Clean Heating & Cooling, or Solar for All Campaign
 - HeatSmart participation would count.
 - VOL hosted one info meeting last year with conversion vendors.
 - Solar Tompkins participation was not enough because there were too few conversions to solar to get credit.
 - VOL could promote a program to incentivize solar installations along with planning and code enforcement.

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PE9. Inform and inspire the public.

- PE9 Action: Climate Change Education & Engagement
 - Participant-only scope.
 - Cornell Climate Change Youth Program.
 - The Wild Center (Youth Climate Summits) - Adirondacks.
 - Support future speaker series
 - Tailor education and engagement for local interests
- PE9 Action: Energy Reduction Campaign
 - Participant-only scope.
 - TCCOG Energy Subcommittee CCA effort.
 - Solar Tompkins
 - HeatSmart
- PE9 Action: Climate-related Public Events
 - Small-scale participation.
 - Participant-only scope.
 - Providing alternative transportation
 - Biking..., TCAT bus demo
- PE9 Action: Local Climate Action Website
 - Sub page on current website.
 - Local, regional, state, national resources.
 - Communicate to residents.
 - Embed social media elements.
- PE9 Action: Social Media
 - Create social media accounts related to the VOL CSC website, etc.

PE10. Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

- PE10 Action: GHG Tracking system
 - Long-term participation.
 - Carroll stated that NYS is in the process of standardizing how GHG will be tracked. Therefore, do not pursue aggressively at this time.
- PE10 Action: Annual Progress Report
 - Report to BOT progress of CSC completed actions, planned actions, and long-term vision.
- PE10 Action: Updates to Strategies & Plans
 - CSC and Village will need to continually review and update strategies and plans.
 - Revise Comprehensive Plan, Greenway Plan, and Village Code as needed.

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Having completed the review of the CSC Pledge Elements 1 through 10, the task force no longer needs to meet twice-monthly. Hardaway will send a polling link so that members can help select the best monthly date and time for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.