

## Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Date: November 11, 2018

Location: Roots Room, Cordata Coop, Bellingham



Members Present: Alex Ramel (notetaker), Seth Fleetwood, Gabe Westergreen, David Kershner, and Eric Grossman. (Tim Miller joined us at 6:05)

Staff: Chris Elder

### 1. Call to order at 5:44

2. David and Alex proposed the following clarification to the last meeting's (October) minutes:

3. Update on 2019 climate action planning: Seth is working to pull together an ASR (additional service request) to support climate change planning efforts and will coordinate with Chris for additional information and to discuss potential ideas. One idea considered included the potential request for a .5 FTE staff person within the Planning Dept. to work on climate change. The position could be shared with the .5 FTE PDR (purchase of development rights) staff person that the PDR Oversight Committee is currently requesting. There was some discussion and lack of unanimity on whether or not to request a consultant as a back-up plan to having a County employee.

Other typos were corrected. Seth moved and David seconded that we approve the minutes as amended. Carried 5-0

3. The committee was joined by John Yakawich and Clare Fogelsong, members of the public. John has submitted an application to join the Committee. Clare is representing the City of Bellingham's Climate Advisory Workgroup.

Clare Reported that the City of Bellingham's Climate Task Force is looking at individual measures that can be employed in the city's local climate action plan to accelerate the city's GHG reduction goals. Bellingham is also looking to implement several early action measures to increase electric vehicle charging stations and to implement a rental housing energy efficiency program.

4. Update on budget request: the Additional Services Request for \$75K was submitted to Councilmember Todd Donovan. The Council is considering the budget over the next several meetings. Public hearing on the budget will be evening of Nov 20th.

Alex moved to endorse the ASR and request that the Council fund the budget request. David seconded. Carries 5-0

David had contacted several other counties to find out what their climate staffing levels are: King County has 6 staff working on climate (adaptation and mitigation). Snohomish has two staff working on climate mitigation and adaptation.

5. Preparation for the Presentation to Council Members - Seth is scheduled to present on Nov. 7th at 10:00. Seth will develop a high level, short presentation based on the ASR. Eric may be able to join. Alex may be able to join as well.
6. Consider a proposal from Alex regarding making a recommendation to County Council about the SEPA guidelines. Committee discussed the recommendations and agreed to revisit it in one month.
7. Committee Work Plan: This item was tabled for one month.
8. Old and New Business: Our next meeting is in the RE Sources office at 5:30 on December 6

Meeting adjourned at 6:38.