

Climate Impact Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes



Date: January 3rd, 2019

Location: RE Store, 2309 Meridian St, Bellingham

Members in Attendance: *William (Casey) Harman, David Kershner, Seth Fleetwood, Treva Coe, Tim Miller, Alex Ramel, Ellen Murphy, John Yakawich, Gabriel Westergreen, Sharon Shewmake,*

Staff Support: *Ashley Ubil (planning)*

Guests: Kathy Sabel, Clare Fogelsong, Eddy Ury

Meeting Began at 5:32 PM

Agenda Item 2: Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made to approve the previous months minutes. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Guest comments were welcomed. Kathy Sabel commented on the WRIA 1 Watershed Plan update process.

Agenda Item 4: Update on “scope of work committee” to determine the use of the 2019 budget appropriation from Seth Fleetwood, Chair:

The group’s work is not complete, so Seth did not go into detail on the progress. A meeting is planned for Monday January 7th at Seth’s house.

Agenda Item 5: The committee continued the discussion on the memo Alex proposed to the group last week clarifying the green-house gas study in the local implementation of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). There was a lot of discussion. Several changes were made to the proposed language. There was a lot of concern by certain members on the requirement to plan for 100% mitigation. It was clarified that providing a plan for mitigation did not necessarily bind the party to adhering to the plan – that would be decided by the county or the hearing examiner.

The consensus of the group was at the end of the meeting the proposal was not ready for submittal to a vote. Alex withdrew the proposal from the table and group will take it up again at the February meeting.

Agenda item 6: Sharon briefly addressed the group about her new role as an elected representative to the state legislature.

Seth provided an update on the collaboration with ICLEI on the forests and urban trees community GHG inventory project. The project will be coming to Whatcom County January 17th. The Committee members are invited to attend a meeting from 9-10:15 AM at the public works central shop on Smith Road.

Next meeting location to be at the RE Store. Next meeting February 7th, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Recorded by Casey Harman, Secretary