

Community Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

CAW Members Present: Tierra Bonds, Matthew Landers, Amita Devarajan, Courtney Cecale, Juan Haeckermann, Kim Piper, Lauren Tamboer, Rachel Hastings, Shannon Sipher, Stephen Bernath, and Tom Crawford.

CAW Members Absent: McKenzie McCall

Staff Members Present: Alyssa Jones Wood (City of Tumwater), Rebecca Harvey (Thurston County), Pamela Braff (City of Olympia), and Linsey Fields (City of Lacey).

Guest Presenters: Faduma Fido (Peoples Economy Lab).

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome and Call to Order	
2. Announcements a. Staff Announcements	<p>The TCMC received 19 applications for 3 open seats on the CAW.</p> <p>Energize Thurston installer contracts were approved by the Thurston County Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>EXP was selected as the consultant to provide TCMC Administrative Services.</p> <p>The Home Energy Score Model Ordinance will go before the Olympia City Council Land Use and Environment Committee on Thursday, February 20 at 4:00 pm.</p> <p>Olympia has prepared the first draft of City's Comprehensive Plan Climate Element Goals and Policies and will publish an announcement on Wednesday morning with instructions on how to provide public comment.</p>
b. CAW Member Announcements	<p>Tom Crawford shared that the Thurston Climate Action Team is holding a Community Assembly tomorrow (February 19) at the Community Action Council in Lacey.</p> <p>Tom Crawford shared that funding for the community-based organization commerce grants from community participation in the comprehensive planning process was not included in the Governor's proposed budget.</p> <p>Stephen Bernath participated in the Cascadia Bicycle Club Bike Lobbying Day asking State legislators to retain state funding for active transportation projects into the future.</p>

	<p>Shannon Sipher shared a resource on the origin on bureaucracy in the chat: https://substack.com/home/post/p-157392491</p> <p>Juan Haeckermann is still working on his capstone research and is looking to interview local leaders to talk about accessibility in south Thurston County. Reach out to Juan if you'd like to participate.</p>
<p>3. Business Items a. Briefing and Discussion: Community Assemblies</p>	<p>Faduma Fido (Peoples Economy Lab) gave a presentation on community assemblies as a tool for collaborative governance. CAW members shared their reflections and asked clarifying questions.</p>
<p>b. 2025 Jurisdiction Work Programs and Regional Initiative Delay</p>	<p>Staff Member Pamela Braff provided an overview on the 2025 Jurisdiction Workplans. CAW members provided suggestions on how to improve the content and structure of the work plan documents.</p> <p>Pamela also briefed the CAW on the Staff Team request to the Executive Committee to delay implementation of the 2025 regional initiative.</p>
<p>4. Upcoming Agendas</p>	<p>CAW members requested a briefing at an upcoming CAW meeting to learn more about staff capacity vs the use of consultants to implement climate work within local governments. The CAW approved the agenda request by majority vote. Staff will work to schedule this item for a future meeting.</p> <p>CAW members requested a briefing at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting on Community Assemblies. The CAW approved the agenda request by majority vote. Staff will work to schedule this item for a future Executive Committee meeting (at the discretion of the Committee Chair).</p>
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