Community Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Summary Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This in-person meeting was held at the Olympia Harbor House.

CAW Members Present: Courtney Cecale, Juan Haeckermann, Kim Piper, Lauren Tamboer, Rachel Hastings, Shannon Sipher, Stephen Bernath, McKenzie McCall, Alec Anderson, Lorenzo Larios, Ashley Houston, and Tom Crawford.

CAW Members Absent: Tierra Bonds, Amita Devarajan, & Matthew Landers

Staff Members Present: Alyssa Jones Wood (City of Tumwater), Pamela Braff (City of Olympia), Linsey Fields (City of Lacey), Dominic Jones (City of Olympia), Julia Downing (DOE Community Energy Fellow), Keren Bolter (EXP), and Eleanor Garrett (EXP)

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and Call to Order	
2. Announcements a. Staff Announcements	Home Energy Score Model (HES) Ordinance Updates – the Olympia City Council held a study session about the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance on March 11. Staff need to address some questions from City Council and then will schedule the ordinance for City Council consideration. The other TCMC jurisdictions have not yet scheduled the HES ordinance for consideration.
	Energize Thurston Updates – Energize Thurston workshops are starting this month with in-person and virtual workshop options. Staff requested help with distribution of flyers.
	Climate Element Updates – Transportation Open house in Tumwater 3/19, City of Olympia comments on Climate Element due by 3/19.
b. CAW Member Announcements	Stephen shared details about a league of women voters meeting.
	Stephen and Tom presented the letter signed by CAW members about TCMP progress at the County Planning Council meeting and gave a PowerPoint that led to a news article being written.
	Stephen shared an article on the 1.5 degree rise in global temperature and a warm February despite La Nina.
	Tom shared a TCAT South Sound Climate Summit planned for Saturday, May 17 at Evergreen college with speakers all day.

Upcoming Agendas Business Items	Tom requested a CAW agenda item where he will facilitate a discussion about funding options for TCMP implementation. Staff noted that the City of Olympia has done a lot of research on this topic, and may provide a presentation prior to the discussion. The agenda request was approved by a majority vote. CAW Members participated in two relationship buildings activities to get to know each other and build stronger working relationships. The two activities included: - CAW Bingo: An icebreaker to learn more about fellow CAW members. - Community Quest - Stakeholders Unite: a role-playing game where players stepped into the shoes of various community stakeholders. The goal is to work together to identify pressing issues within your community and devise innovative solutions to address them.
4. b. Refresher on Roles and	Alyssa read from the Regional Implementation Guidance
Responsibilities	directly to reiterate the roles and responsibilities of the CAW.
5. Adjourn	