

Community Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

CAW Members Present: Alec Anderson, Stephen Bernath, Courtney Cecale, Tom Crawford, Amita Devarajan, Juan Haeckerman, Rachel Hastings, Matthew Landers, Lorenzo Larios, Kim Piper, Shannon Sipher, and Lauren Tamboer

CAW Members Absent: Tierra Bonds, Ashley Houston, and McKenzie McCall

Staff Members Present: Rebecca Harvey (Thurston County), Linsey Fields (City of Lacey), and Julia Downing (Thurston County).

Facilitators: Keren Bolter (EXP) and Eleanor Garrett (EXP)

Guest Presenters: Claire Swearingen (Thurston County) and Derek Day (Thurston County).

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome and Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.
2. Announcements a. Staff Announcements	Staff shared that the Energize Thurston campaign is still ongoing, though most jurisdictions are now waitlisting low- and moderate-income applications as the funding for these installations has been fully utilized. Thurston County's Comprehensive Plan is still open for public comment, with two public hearings coming up. Intercity Transit is hosting their 38 th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May. The facilitators shared a survey with the CAW on preferences for the Annual Retreat scheduling.
b. CAW Member Announcements	Tom Crawford shared that the South Sound Climate Action Convention is happening on May 17. Matthew Landers shared information on a Fix-It Fair happening on April 16 in Lacey.
3. Business Items a. Briefing and Discussion: Thurston County Tree Canopy Assessment	Claire Swearingen (Thurston County) and Derek Day (Thurston County) gave a presentation on the Thurston County Tree Canopy Assessment. This assessment includes mapping of tree canopy and prairie restoration needs and opportunities and will be used to direct and prioritize future restoration efforts. CAW members shared their reflections and asked clarifying questions.
b. Briefing: Energize Thurston	Rebecca Harvey (Thurston County) and Julia Downing (Thurston County) provided updates on the ongoing Energize Thurston campaign, briefing the CAW on the outreach efforts for the campaign, application statistics,

	and the future of the program. CAW members provided suggestions for continued advertising and outreach options.
4. Upcoming Agendas	CAW members requested that the upcoming briefing on climate legislation not be limited to bills that specifically address climate issues but rather include all legislation that could intersect with climate action. The Staff Team will work with the guest speaker to fulfill this request.
5. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.