

Community Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, May 20, 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, Ashley Houston, Matthew Landers, Lorenzo Larios, McKenzie McCall, Kim Piper, and Shannon Sipher.

CAW Members Absent: Tierra Bonds and Lauren Tamboer.

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

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

| Agenda Item | Notes |
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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. |
| 2. Announcements a. Staff Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rebecca Harvey will be out of the office until August 9th.The first full draft of Olympia's Climate Element has been posted online for feedback. There will be a survey open for comments through June 20th.The TCMC Annual Retreat has been postponed, likely to September, to accommodate the schedules of CAW, EC, and Staff Team members. |
| b. CAW Member Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stephen Bernath shared feedback on the April EC meeting which he attended as the CAW representative, reporting back to the CAW on what was shared during that meeting.Tom Crawford shared that the May 17th South Sound Climate Action Convention went well and was well-attended. He also shared that the TCAT is planning a community assembly to encourage engagement in the comprehensive planning process in the county and the three cities represented in the TCMC. |
| 3. Upcoming Agendas | The CAW reviewed the planned agenda items for upcoming CAW meetings, and discussed whether a June meeting should be held in place of the cancelled Annual Retreat. The TCMC facilitator put together a poll to determine whether this meeting would be held. The CAW also requested that their meeting in September be cancelled if the Annual Retreat will instead be happening that month. |
| 4. Business Items a. Funding Sources for Climate Implementation | Pamela Braff gave a presentation on how climate action can be funded across the jurisdictions, breaking down the budget for climate action and providing an overview of a |

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| | variety of funding mechanisms. CAW members then engaged in an in-depth discussion, asking clarifying questions on what would be feasible for the TCMC jurisdictions and what role the CAW could play in designing funding strategies and/or applying for appropriate funding. |
| b. TCMC Administrative Update | This agenda item was delayed due to time constraints. |
| 5. Adjourn | The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm. |