REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, January 14, 2021
MINUTES

Video conference and teleconference
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Desiree Thayer, Burlingame, Chair
Ray Larios, Burlingame, Vice Chair
Diane Bailey, Belmont
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Allen Brown, Unincorporated San Mateo County
Tim Bussiek, Belmont
Morgan Chaknova, Redwood City
Michael Closson, Menlo Park
Janet Creech, Millbrae
Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay
Terri Givens, Unincorporated Menlo Park
Kathryn Green, San Mateo
Alexander Melendrez, San Bruno
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City

Absent: Janelle London, Menlo Park

Staff: KJ Janowski, Director of Marketing and Community Affairs
Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations
Shayna Barnes, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, Deputy County Counsel
Anne Bartoletti, Board Clerk/Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the CEO

Board Members: Jeff Aalfs, Board Chair, CAC Liaison
Rick DeGolia, Board Vice Chair, CAC Alternate Liaison
Donna Colson, Board Member, CAC Alternate Liaison

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Tim Strinden, Belmont Resident, Comments included in the Agenda Packet
Jason Mendelson
ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Made / Seconded: Fullerton / Larios

Motion passed 13-0 (Absent: Givens, London)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Chair Report (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer, Chair, provided an update on the Youth Climate Ambassadors (YCA) Leadership Program, which will have their kick-off retreat on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Committee members discussed continued growth of this program.

2. Marketing and Community Outreach Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations, reviewed navigation and layout changes on the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) website, including the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) page, Heat Pump Water Heater rebates, and residential rates. Kirsten provided an update on PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment) charges in relation to PCE’s rates, and further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3. Recommend to Bring Citizens Advisory Committee Statement on Equity to the Board of Directors (Action)

Ray Larios, Vice Chair, reported that the Equity Work Group developed a Statement on Equity, which is being presented to the CAC for a recommendation to bring the Statement to the Board. Ray reviewed the memo and statement and thanked the Equity Work Group. Terri Givens and Ray reported the Statement incorporates feedback from the entire CAC and discussed the importance of equity and the specific wording of this statement.

Committee members discussed the Black Live Matter movement, the importance of equity and the wording of the statement, and that the Board may make changes. Board members thanked the CAC for taking the initiative in drafting a Statement on Equity and expressed a desire to review it and move it forward with the Board.

Motion Made / Seconded: Larios / Fullerton

Motion passed 14-0 (Absent: London)

4. Work Group Reports (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer reported that the Transportation Work Group recommended the Beyond Gasoline Initiative to the Board, and the Board adopted a resolution endorsing the initiative.
Diane Bailey reported that the Building Electrification Work Group is collaborating with staff to invite a panel of speakers in March.

Joe Fullerton reported that he will be taking the lead for the Education Work Group, and the group is exploring areas of need, their expertise, trade programs, and curriculum.

5. **Continue Discussion on Topics for CAC Public Forums (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews Schwind discussed potentially doing public forums virtually, and collaborating with Community Thrive Networks and county environmental leaders to build customer education on building electrification. Committee members discussed coalition building, outreach training to outreach grantees, and realigning work groups for 2021. Board members discussed organizing future tours of all-electric homes and a zero net energy community center.

6. **Kickoff Updating CAC Work Plan (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews Schwind reviewed CAC member survey results, including progress made, member satisfaction, and using their time and expertise well. Committee members and Board members discussed the CAC’s role, accomplishments since creating work groups, and the need for increased communication, collaboration, and direction from the Board.

7. **Addressing Climate Action, Resiliency, and Education at the Community College District (Discussion)**

Joe Fullerton, *Energy and Sustainability Manager for SMCCD*, outlined the global context of climate action and sustainability, critical frameworks and associated tools, education for sustainability, examples of competencies in sustainability, projects initiated by students, and links to resources. Committee members discussed the high level of engagement of the students, and the importance of Trades Introduction Programs (TIP).

8. **Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)**

Committee members discussed future meeting topics including PCIA, building electrification, renewable energy procurement, 100% California RPS eligible renewable energy by 2025 on a time coincident basis, and the CALeVIP (California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project) program.

9. **Committee Members’ Reports**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.