



CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE MEETING 2 SUMMARY

January 9, 2020, 6-8pm

Attendees:

IBE Facilitators: Josie Plaut, Hellen Castro

City of Longmont Staff: Lisa Knoblauch, Phil Greenwald, Anne Lutz, Blas Hernandez

City Council: Marcia Martin

City of Longmont Residents: Peter Wood, Lynette McClain, Alessandro Franchin, Gregg Thomas, Silvana Munro, Tyler Jones, Karen Dike

Community Partners: Ocean Fredriksen, Del Rae Heiser, Joni Lynch

Technical Advisors: Magnolia Landa Posas

I. Welcome: Review Purpose & Group Agreements

Josie Plaut welcomed the participants and reviewed the group agreements built in the first session. She encouraged the group to remember that

- We are all on the same team even if we have different perspectives and see different parts of the truth.
- We all understand small pieces of the world but together we can have a better understanding of it.
- This group will develop equitable climate action recommendations to present to City Council for approval.

II. Opening Question

The attendees reflected on: What preconceived ideas or biases might you need to put aside to work in this group? What truths you need to NOT put aside? After reflection attendees formed groups and shared their thoughts.

The general reflection was that we all bring biases to the conversations and it's important to recognize and identify them.

III. Boards & Commissions Process

Lisa Knoblauch addressed the fact that this group falls under the umbrella of boards and commissions and because of that:

1. The public is invited to attend the meetings, they are given 3 minutes to make comments or ask questions and are also allowed to stay for the rest of the meeting as an observer only.
2. The Task Force agreed that agendas and summaries will be posted on the City's website under Climate Action Task Force, as well as at the Engage Longmont website and physically at the Civic Center. They can be accessed here: <https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/boards-committees-and-commissions/directory-of-boards-committees-and-commissions/climate-action-task-force>
3. Longmont Public Media will be recording upcoming meetings. Channel 8 is under new management and is transitioning to a more high-profile public space. They undertook a contract with the City to take digital video of all the board and commission meetings to the best of their abilities.

Several attendees raised concerns about the vulnerability of the group and how being recorded can cause people to hold back on perspectives and questions. Additionally, some Task Force members expressed that being subject to personal scrutiny could subtract from the openness of the process. City staff will share concerns with the City Manager's office.

IV. Open Public Comment

There was a space for public comment, but there was no public present.

V. Develop Guiding Principles for Recommendations

Josie Plaut presented the framework to help the Task Force identify main areas of focus for equitable climate action recommendations. The framework consisted of two circles side by side, and a third dotted circle that intersects the other two. The circle on the left was titled "what we really need" and the circle on the right was titled "false solutions." The dotted circle was titled "politically viable."

- **What we really need:** solutions and outcomes that are essential for addressing the climate emergency
- **False solutions:** solutions and outcomes that are masked as solutions, but do not actually address the climate emergency in meaningful ways

- **Politically viable:** solutions that are currently politically viable. What is politically viable is a dynamic and changes over time. Solutions in this space are typically a combination of what we really need and false solutions.

Attendees took a couple of minutes to self-reflect, then formed groups to come up with ideas for the previous categories. Ideas were placed in the right sections and grouped. The following topical themes were identified and will serve to guide the agenda for the future Task Force meetings:

- Water
- Transportation
- Education and Outreach
- Buildings and land use
- Adaptation and resiliency
- Land, soil, habitat and carbon sequestration
- Equity
- Electrification and renewables

VI. Reminders

- The recommendations from the Task Force will go to City Council for presentation, approval and discussion in how to implement.
- The Just Transitions Plan Committee outcomes will provide critical feedback on and insight for the Task Force recommendations, but will also likely develop additional recommendations independent of the Task Force.
- The Task Force will come up with short, mid and long-term recommendations and as well as governance recommendations (e.g. ongoing role of the Task Force, plan review and updates, etc.).
- The sustainability team will incorporate indicators and metrics that measure progress on implementation of Task Force recommendations into the City's online dashboard, www.longmontindicators.com, which currently displays metrics for Envision Longmont and Sustainability.
- There is a community engagement process happening over the next three months that will also help inform Task Force recommendations.

VII. Look Ahead & Next Steps

The group raised a concern about needing some general demographic and population data. Supporting information will be sent to the group via email.

The group discussed the possibility of adding additional Task Force meetings due to the short timeframe that the group has to produce recommendations. The group indicated that they would be interested in forming subcommittees to focus in-depth on the areas identified above. Subcommittees, if formed, will coordinate and correspond as-needed outside of the identified Task Force meeting times and bring relevant work back to the larger group.

The group will receive a survey via email to inform who has particular expertise and/or interest in any of the discussion areas and potential subcommittee interest and engagement.