



CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE MEETING 5 SUMMARY

February 27, 2020, 6-8pm

Attendees:

IBE Facilitators: Josie Plaut, Hellen Castro, David Rojas

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

City Council: Marcia Martin

City of Longmont Residents: Peter Wood, , Alessandro Franchin, Gregg Thomas, Tyler Jones, Karen Dike, Michelle Mendieta, Amy Schmidt, Peter Wood

Community Partners: Ocean Fredriksen, Joni Lynch

Technical Advisors: Magnolia Landa-Posas, Andy Butcher

I. Welcome & Agenda

Josie Plaut welcomed the participants and reviewed the agenda.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Review Round 1 Draft Recommendations Confirm Collective Review Process

Josie explained that the process for today's meeting was for the entire group to review and provide preliminary approval for all draft recommendations from each of the three subgroups (transportation, renewable energy, and building energy use). Josie went through each recommendation at a high level and CATF members asked clarifying questions if needed. Then the group indicated whether there were any recommendations that they did not feel comfortable moving forward to finalize. The group will need to

reach consensus before finalizing all recommendations that will be included in the report that goes to City Council in April.

The City will distribute all the completed recommendations via email, and the group will provide any additional comments/concerns by March 16th.

Renewables clarifications and comments:

- **Smart grid:** There is a second component of the smart grid recommendations that includes making use of the smart grid when it's partially complete and not waiting until it's fully completed.
- **Home Energy Management Systems:** Provide incentives for people to have home battery storage
- **Distributed Energy Resources (small scale renewable power generation and storage):**
 - o Reducing demand and utilizing energy at off peak hours.
 - o Increasing the amount of rooftop solar up to 30%.

Transportation clarifications and comments:

- The recommendation quick summary does not mention the electrification of vehicles.
- **Education/partner with schools on multi modal options/benefits includes:**
 - o Working with school district around cleaner fuel
 - o Incentivizing programs for kids and families to do more biking, walking
 - o Education to younger generations
- **Incentives to use alternative modes of transportation:** it would be expanded to include modes other than EVs
- **Alternative work schedules:** would be an employer-based program that would consist of a menu of mostly voluntary options. Would be more effective if done with a cluster of municipalities.
- **Renewable sources to power transit:** Comprehensive incentives towards electrification of transit.

Building Energy Use clarifications and comments:

- **Code:** Include code changes from the appendices in the 2021 code cycle for things like solar and EV readiness (a policy already exists to adopt and implement the most recent building codes).
- **Commercial Building Retro-commissioning & Retrofits:** going back to existing building and make sure equipment is still functioning properly and right-sized for the building's needs. This is an existing program, but it is not currently widely utilized., In the future it will expand to include a focus on small to medium businesses.
- **Residential Efficiency Improvements & Rebates:** need to increase outreach and participation in existing programs.
- **Climate Action Fund Program:** there is a need for staff. Climate action efforts will likely place an additional financial burden on the population; there will be a need to both bolster the program and provide additional funding. This is a broader funding notion than the building energy use category.

After reviewing the strategies, Josie asked if there was anything that causes a high degree of concern. The Climate Action Task Force should go to City Council as a unified body.

No one had any high degrees of concern on any of the topic areas. However, some group members expressed that many of the recommendations are already included in the City's Sustainability Plan and that the group is missing an opportunity to propose recommendations that are more ambitious and aggressive in addressing climate action.

IV. Launch Round 2 Working Groups

The group transitioned into new topic areas to begin drafting recommendations. The new topic areas and group makeup were defined as follows:

1. Land use and Waste Management:
 - Phil Greenwald
 - Ocean Fredriksen
 - Alessandro Franchin
 - Andy Butcher
 - Marcia Martin
 - Tyler Jones
2. Adaptation and Resiliency:
 - Gregg Thomas

- Magnolia Landa-Posas
- Blas Hernandez
- Karen Dike
- Lynette McClain

3. Education and Outreach:

- Anne Lutz
- Michelle Mendieta
- Peter Wood
- Joni Lynch
- Silvana Munro

City Staff will follow-up with absent CATF members to determine which groups they would like to join.

Josie explained a new simplified template for recommendations and sample recommendations were distributed. City staff distributed information packets with resources on current City efforts and supplemental materials for the groups to discuss and begin brainstorming the remainder of the meeting.

Given the time constraints and the few meetings remaining prior to the final report being due to City Council on April 8th, it is likely these groups will need to organize and draft recommendations outside of the allotted meeting time. Draft recommendations for the final three topic areas are due March 16th.

V. Look Ahead

- **Next session: Thu- 03/05 (4:30 - 8pm): Joint Meeting with Just Transition Plan Committee at the Longmont Library.**
- Next week there will be a joint meeting with the Just Transition Plan Committee. Each CATF sub-groups will have at least one of their recommendations reviewed by the JTTC to provide an equity analysis.

Round 1: Renewable Energy, Building Energy Use, and Transportation

- **CATF:** Recommendations due to IBE and Staff on March 5th
- **IBE:** Distributes recommendations to CATF on March 9th
- **CATF:** Comments due to IBE and Staff on March 16th

- **IBE:** Comments distributed to CATF on March 20th
- **IBE:** Questionnaire Feedback distributed to CATF on March 25th
- **CATF:** Final recommendations due to IBE and staff on March 29th

Round 2: Land Use & Waste Management, Adaptation & Resilience, and Education & Outreach

- **CATF:** Draft recommendations due to IBE and staff March 16th
- **IBE:** Draft recommendations distributed to the CATF on March 17th
- **CATF:** Comments for Round 2 due to IBE and staff on March 22nd
- **IBE:** Comments distributed to CATF on March 25th
- **CATF:** Final recommendations due to IBE and staff on March 29th

IBE: Final Recommendations for both rounds distributed to CATF on March 31st.

CATF: Votes on final recommendations at the last CATF meeting on April 2nd.

CATF: Final revisions, with minor changes only, will be due **April 6.**