



CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION TASK FORCE

December 19, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Pacifica Police Department, EOC, 2075 Coast Highway, Pacifica, CA 94044

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

6:31PM by Fellow Trevino

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Maria Barr, Kimberly Finale, Kai Martin, Monica Meagher, Margo Meiman, Rick Nahass, Dave Plumb, Carl Schwab, Jake Scussel, Nancy Tierney

Members Absent:

Cindy Yang

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Brooks - Management Analyst II

Gabriel Trevino - CivicSpark Fellow

Approval of Agenda:

Chair Monica Monica alerted the group that Cindy was unable to attend for the third time, triggering the attendance rule. Notified group that City Staff would find out more on what this could mean for the Task Force going forward.

Chair Meagher to add report out from RDAS. Asked the group for any other changes to agenda. No objections, Dave Plumb moves to approve, Vice Chair Kai Martin seconds to approve agenda

Approval of November 21, 2023 Minutes:

Chair Meagher asked the group if there should be any changes, no comments made regarding previous minutes. Nancy Tierney motions to approve, Vice Chair Martin seconds to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Communications:

No community members were in attendance at this time. One citizen arrived a couple minutes later. Chair Meagher asked them if they had any comments or questions for the Task Force, to which they replied no.

Task Force Communications

Rick Nahass: Attended in person RICAPS meeting; discussed electrification; discussed Solano Stroll; discussed zero waste festivals with guidance from consultants; additionally discussed how microtransit in Half Moon Bay is not working that well due to no routes being offered past 5 or 5:30pm, discussed applying for measure k grant. Nahass also

discussed an organics program in which there is a jurisdictional quota for truckloads of compost. Pacifica's quota is 52 truckloads.

Dave Plumb: Attended meeting regarding Local Coastal Land Use Plan (LCLUP).

Carl Schwab: Attended a webinar meeting regarding Project Drawdown, where they had discussed how to incorporate science based solutions, and how to uplift bold climate leadership

- After Carl asked about distributing some materials, Vice Chair Martin reminded Schwab about Brown Act rules regarding distribution of documents

Margo Meiman: Also attended the LCLUP meeting, stated that a main takeaway is that we need to make sure the document we're creating is consistent with other city documents/plans.

Nancy Tierney: Also attended the LCLUP meeting, discussed author Rosanna Xia possibly coming to Pacifica as she mentions it in her book regarding cities by the sea

Kimberly Finale: Attended LCLUP, attended Alliance for Nonprofits meeting, can provide notes to staff but info presented was very broad.

Kai Martin: Highlighted Senator Josh Becker as a possible supporter of the Pacifica CAAP via his legislation if our goals can align with the state legislation; also brought to attention how the United Kingdom is revising some projections of sea level rise to 6ft by 2050, something the USA has not yet agreed to, and discussed the Oughta Be a Law competition.

Monica Meagher: Attended LERN and discussed legislation she can send to PRRS from that meeting that could be relevant, also attended BayCAN. Then acknowledged the member of the public that had arrived during the Task Force communications.

Staff Communications:

Elizabeth Brooks Informed the group that she had submitted the ICLEI membership application and is awaiting to hear back from them.

Discussion:

Item 1: Adaptation and Resilience Introduction and Nature Based Solutions Report

Gabriel Trevino: Presented information found in the introductory reports regarding Adaptation, Resilience, and Nature Based Solutions that can be found in the Staff Report. Discussed the interrelatedness of all of these themes and practices in planning and environmentalism. Also presented the general recommendations for NBS that could possibly apply to Pacifica based on the context of this region.

- *Tierney:* Discussed how managed lands are something that may typically be overlooked here along the coast because wildfire risk may not be as prevalent as inland communities, however just as important to support healthy forests so wildfire does not break out and so that it can act as a successful carbon sink. Mentioned how Senator Becker discusses wildfire

management a lot, so maybe we should get in contact with him as a resource.

- *Barr*: Discussed how another means of supporting Nature Based Solutions and how successful they become is to agree to work with startups that are utilizing green technology. Specifically, we can volunteer to test out these technologies that can potentially sequester carbon
- *Martin*: Discussed how in San Francisco they made an effort to do something more than just a concrete wall, and this experiment could be replicated. Vice Chair Martin also discussed how horizontal levees and living shoreline methods should be considered for Pacifica, because another concrete wall is not a solution. Living shoreline can increase sea life along coasts as well.
- *Finale*: Expressed support of this by using the example of Beach Boulevard, as it takes direct hits from the ocean constantly. She discussed how restoring wetlands and dune ecology is a particularly interesting route.
- *Nahass*: Had a question regarding green roofs and what exactly that means. Trevino responded saying that it would look like planting California natives on rooftops which can reduce flow rate by up to 65%, as well as provide advantages concerning energy efficiency both during summer and winter months.
- *Schwab*: Wanted to highlight that while looking at Nature Based Solutions, we should not lose sight of the importance of reducing overall Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Item 2: Roadmap Action Detail

Vice Chair Martin conducted a presentation on the roadmap resource that can be found in the attached materials to the Staff Report

- Sought input on the starter document and suggested now because later on not everyone will have commenting abilities to avoid quorum
- Chair Meagher asked the group if we could loosely approve April 2025 for general project roadmap completion. Vice Chair Martin motions to approve, Meiman seconds.
- Vice Chair Martin reminded the group this resource could be found in the General Folder of the resource hub.

Schwab conducted a presentation about the detailed roadmap document, which could be found with the Staff Report.

- Schwab described the actions and deliverables sections, and also whether the action needs Task Force approval.
- Martin and Meagher announced to the group that if anything needs to be pushed back to let them know since there is flexibility built into the roadmap already.
- Schwab, Martin, and Meagher requested that the detailed actions from each Subcommittee be shared with City Staff in advance so that they may be added to the roadmap in order to track progress.

- Meagher and Martin additionally requested that review of the roadmap at each meeting be a standing item for the future.

Item 3: Transportation/Land Use Recommendation

Nahass conducted a presentation discussing a document he shared regarding transportation and land use recommendations. Specifically, the Transportation Demand Management Plan and applying for grants.

- Monica answered clarifying questions as to whether everyone has access to this document yet, notified the group it will be fully posted after the meeting.
- Brooks informed the group that Staff would be looking over this more carefully after the meeting as more deliberation is needed by the City.

Item 4: Law and Policy Topics

Plumb conducted Policy Regulations and Research Subcommittee presentation

- Plumb pointed out how the CARB goals should be reviewed throughout various stages of the CAAP process to ensure alignment. He additionally discussed how protecting biodiversity can be feasibly incorporated into the goals of the CAAP. Reminded the group of transportation goals; those being 35% ZEV by 2026, 50% by 2028. Plumb additionally wanted to make the group aware of the issue of housing; how do we build 1800+ homes by 2031? Plumb continued with the Building Codes section of the presentation and goals for greater energy efficiency; pointed out that heat pumps are required, and must have solar or solar plus batteries to power homes. He then posed a question to the group whether these are currently being enforced or not. Plumb also discussed adaptation as a planning theme; Pacifica is required to submit a new plan for dealing with sea level rise by Jan 1st, 2034, and cities with plans that are ready will get priority for funding (SB272).
- There was then discussion between Martin, Meagher, Meiman, and Plumb regarding the formatting of the document he shared with the Task Force and what could possibly be added.
- Meiman discussed how the RICAPS template already has a section for this legislation, and how to make best use of the group's time regarding how the group goes about tracking what legislation is most important.
- Martin suggests the spreadsheet of legislation go in the general folder, with PRRS being the only group with editing access besides Staff.
- Nahass asked if Task Force members can send legislation directly to PRRS or if it has to go through City Staff
- The group requested Staff to review municipal code and other codes to draft questions for each department.
- Brooks informed the group that the code enforcement is complaint based and driven.

Item 5: Feedback on the Draft Survey Questions

COS Subcommittee Report from Finale

- Their subcommittee drafted a preliminary survey; there were comments/suggestions for edits revolving mainly around wording to elicit responses that are not defensive, specifications of the survey answering process itself, and removal of certain questions.
- Nahass voiced his view that some aspects of the survey should be in person, not just exclusively done online.
- Meagher had a question about the how; the group agreed that support from the City would be necessary to use FlashVote tool for full effect.
- Martin had a proposed action for Staff, which was to gain knowledge on what are possible strategies regarding community outreach from other cities.
- Plumb suggested adding a question about burning wood to the survey.
- The Task Force provided direction for Staff to reach out to FlashVote survey professionals for assistance and for an introductory meeting.
- Tierney asked about what are we expecting to do with this information once it is gathered, and about including renters in the survey as well.
- Martin commented that questions #2 and #3 go hand in hand, so #2 should be removed. He additionally provided insight that air travel is something very difficult to track consistently, so the question regarding air travel should be removed as well. He shared his view that the solid waste question, off-road equipment question should also be removed because they dilute the survey too much. Instead, more relevant questions that people may have some working knowledge about could be added such as clean energy transportation. Martin additionally had comments regarding question #5.
- Meagher made comments regarding the expansion of certain questions, such as the personal efforts to combat climate change question. She makes the point that the list should be expanded to be more inclusive, so that way people are not left out and made to feel as though they can do nothing about climate change.
- Brooks takes note of the consensus for Staff to pursue FlashVote as a resource
- The conversation then shifts towards the stakeholders, some of which present on the document displayed at the meeting were provided by various documents from the City.
- The group discussed which groups could possibly be missing from the list or could be challenging to reach, such as older students that are members of the community colleges, newer parents of the preschool age, non-english speakers, etc..

Meagher then asked the group whether there needed to be formation of any new Subcommittees. Seeing no hands raised, she shifted the conversation to the next meeting. There was then discussion about the location and how it will change with the beginning of the new year.

Adjourn at 8:33pm