

Climate Action Plan Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: March 13, 2007

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Members present: Craig Eicher, Amy Ellsworth, Gwen Farnsworth, Jeff Fiedler, Howard Geller, Jim Hill, Blake Jones, Joe McDonald, Henry Mueller, Brian O'Neill, Francoise Poinatte, Dan Powers, Adriana Raudzens Bailey, Michael Reid, Carol Tombari, and Jim Wilson

Members absent: Bill Gruen, Pam Milmoie, Paul Norton

Introductions: each member introduced themselves and what they do. Jonathan Koehn, OEA Manager, ask the group how they felt about the name CAP Advisory Group. There was limited discussion. Henry Mueller said that he was OK with the name.

About 45 minutes was spent discussing the Advisory Group purpose and roles document. Howard Geller suggested that the discussions be considered "off-the-record". Jim Wilson asked about the media and if the meetings are public. Staff responded that the meetings are public but have not been noticed. The group agreed that media calls would go to Sarah or the new marketing coordinator.

The group agreed that the web site established for posting CAPAG materials should be private. A private listserv will be set up in addition to the web site.

Yael Gichon presented an overview of residential programs.

Henry Mueller asked about disposal of used CFLs and expressed concern about mercury and hazardous waste. Staff said that no plans had been made to inform people about proper disposal and added that the Boulder County household hazardous waste facility will accept bulbs from residents at no charge.

Jim Wilson suggested that we compare the city of Boulder energy use rate to that of other communities. Craig Eicher offered to send a report on energy use.

Michael Reid asked about the Home Performance with Energy Star program, noting that it doesn't have critical mass in Colorado but has been highly effective in other communities. He referenced a northeastern US program call Green Homes America. He added that a city sponsorship of \$20,000 was not enough. Staff noted that Boulder is one of 2-3 cities that are considering providing funds for the program.

Howard Geller asked that staff present information on anticipated tons/year for the CAP. He added that we need to leverage our effort.

Henry Mueller asked about per person targets. Staff responded that per capita emissions and targets had not been established because there are at least 40,000 employees that commute into Boulder daily, making a per capita number inaccurate. Staff added that we may want to provide per capita information to help residents set personal goals.

Howard Geller said that he would like to provide input on where the budget is allocated. Blake Jones asked if the entire 2007 budget had been allocated to which staff responded that most of the funds had been allocated to ongoing contracts but that some new programs, as outlined in Yael's presentation, are under evaluation for potential funding.

Jim Wilson asked about whether getting older, high-emission vehicles off the road. Staff responded that this may be a priority as we discuss transportation initiatives in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05.