

City of Biddeford

Climate Change task Force

February 27, 2023 6:00 PM City Council Chambers & Zoom

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**Status: Climate Change Task Force-Monday, February 27th at 6:00 PM -City Council
Chambers & Zoom**

1. Member Attendance

2. Welcome Guests-No guest scheduled

3. Approve Minutes

3.1. Approve Meeting Minutes from 1-17-23 & 2-13-23

DRAFT 1-17-2023 BCTF Meeting Minutes.pdf

DRAFT 2-13-2023 BCTF Meeting Minutes.pdf

4. Additions & Amendments

5. Old Business

5.1. Report-out; Community Outreach Subcommittee (Team: Tim, Beverly, Max)

Updates from Outreach subcommittee (Tim, OSC members)

- Steve suggests including positive statements
- Photo Voice
 - Encouraging people to focus on solution oriented content.
 - Should the opening date be moved from 4/21 to be further from the earth day event?
 - Earth Day Event organized by library and Saco Valley Land Trust.
 - Back-to-back events might be a lot to ask of both attendees and BCTF members.
 - Tim says that since the two events have been organized by different groups, it may actually be beneficial to have multiple things going on, raising the visibility.
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5.2. 2023 Scheduled SMPDC/ICLEI/Cohort Activities and Events Calendar

Completed

* Feb 16 at 8am: Chamber of Commerce presentation (Meaghan & Brad to discuss)

- Meaghan presented.
- Audience of mostly Biddeford Pool residents at the Community Center.

- Message that was received from audience was to do more events like this. Many had only heard about BCTF when the Chamber email went out.
- Need to identify the key points of contact for neighborhoods such as Hills Beach and Fortunes Rocks Associations.
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* Feb 21 at 6pm: Zoom meeting with Carol Morris, Zoe Miller and Karina Graeter. Attended by Brad, Meaghan & Steve (member discussion)

- Zoe Miller will be working with BCTF on outreach events. Carol Miller will be in support role.
- Steve felt that it went well and that the consultant will represent the BCTF well.
- More conservation related experience than prior consultant.

Scheduled

* March 2 at 10am: meeting to discuss Earth Day * event with Heart of Biddeford and Saco Valley Land Trust at Biddeford Public Library (Brad)

Note: Earth Day is April 22, Saturday

- Beverly is planning to attend.
- BCTF banner will be ready, plus handout items.

* Mid-March (TBD: Project Team meeting with SMPDC and ICLEI-Discussion of draft vulnerability analysis and draft strategy matrix provided by SMPDC.

- Expecting full draft of the vulnerability assessment by this meeting.
- Layering of vulnerabilities will be as best as the data will allow. Some layers don't lend themselves well to this.
- Ideally should include a composite index of social vulnerability overlaid with climate hazards.
 - Index highlights indicators of vulnerability such as age, income, education level.
 - Visualized in GIS data layers on a map.
 - Social Vulnerability tool is based on census data and is fairly coarse.
 - Local knowledge from organizations will be necessary to identify finer scale vulnerability within the community.
- Will also include summary of findings.

* Beginning of April (TBD): Cohort-wide meeting held by SMPDC (Zoom)

- Consultants will be in attendance.
- Zoe Miller will begin attending BCTF meetings.

5.3. ICLEI Race to Zero*

*Next Steps-One High Impact Action to be taken in 2023 (team discussion continued from Jan 17th meeting)

- Should we begin the high impact action?

- Already have some data on things that the public would like to prioritize.
- Climate Resilience Partnership has 4 priorities that could be guides:
 - Education
 - Electrification of Vehicles
 - Stormwater
 - Building efficiency
- ICLEI Report
 - Residential Heating
 - Renewable Energy for the Grid
 - Commercial Heating
 - Commercial and Residential Building Efficiency, (aligned with public workshop priority)
 - Building electrification
- Updates to solar ordinances?
 - Solar farms
 - City owned buildings
- Community Solar on municipal property at old landfill
 - Revision energy could be an interested partner
 - Landfill is not likely to be used
 - Biddeford would need to change regulations.
- Should be paired with the \$75,000 block grant from the State of Maine.
 - Application due in fall 2023.
 - Federal funding source.
- Located in low income area.
- Will energy efficiency strategy be part of the climate action plan, or be a recommendation of the plan?
 - Would need to be guided by public input.
- Use the energy efficiency action as a pilot to develop a program that fits with our high impact action.
- Window dressers as a high impact action?
 - People need to be motivated to use this.
- Gail Wilkerson runs an existing energy efficiency program in the City.
 - The program is focused on energy efficiency upgrades for home owners.
 - Energy audits and air sealing for qualifying low-income households.
 - Invite Gail to a BCTF meeting to explore these options further.
 - Craft a memo to city council that recommends this action to honor the ICLEI pledge.

* Note: time to be allotted for this agenda item to ensure that there is adequate time for discussion.

5.4. Photo Voice Event at Engine

* Planned for mid-April 2023 at Engine, status update (Brad)

* Meditation session suggested by Sarah Lafortune, Engine Acting Director (Steve to discuss)

- Mayor has determined that the meditation activity would not be appropriate for the event.
- Mayor may speak at the event.

- How will the voting on entries be carried out?
 - City involvement
 - BCTF

5.5. Vision Statement/Strategy Plan

Status & Discussion

- Brad will resend vision statement draft to BCTF members.

5.6. Draft Comp Plan

Status update if any (Brad)

- Planning Board reviewing chapters on March 15th
- Public hearing In April
- Council in late April or early May.

6. New Business

7. Adjourn