

Ad-hoc Committee – July 11, 2018 Approved Minutes

Agenda:

- Scope of Committee
- Committee Composition
- Town Hall
- Roles on Committee
- Scheduling meetings

Participants:

- Ruby McDonald & Maggie Goodman, League of Women Voters
- Kelly Hammargren, engaged citizen
- Councilmember Kate Harrison & Chris Naso
- Councilmember Sophie Hahn &
- John Lindsay Poland, AFSC
- Vice Mayor Cheryl Davila & Sara Kershner
- Armando Davila, Climate Mobilization
- Kathy Dervin, 350.org and Berkeley Climate Action
- Alex Gamboa, Vice Mayor Davila intern
- Jack Fleck, 350.org, East Bay

Public Comment:

- Take public comment and issues as they come up
- League of Women Voter's support and are thinking of launching a program to encourage low-income communities to participate and become a more powerful voice in the environment

Updates:

- Berkeley passed a Climate Emergency Declaration on June 12, 2018
- Current plan is to organize a Town Hall on August 24, 2018
- Governor Summit is September 14 – initial idea was to prepare ourselves for this summit and encourage other cities to declare climate emergencies: an opportunity for Bay Area leaders to express themselves to push for more forceful and urgency action
- September 8-13 is a street and counter summit week of organizing (Grassroots Global Justice and 350.org) – 400 Mayors from around the world are hosting an event outside of the Summit (air district).
- Integral to this will be community resilience and preparedness planning
- Start posting save-the-date

Scope of Committee:

- Support cities to pass declarations (prior to a meeting)
- Leverage Climate Emergency Declaration to support, accelerate and expand Climate Action Plan for Berkeley across Commissions, departments and in support of grassroots and NGO work already happening around this
- Organize a local town hall (or series) and a regional summit in partnership with others
- Audit of city around declaration objectives
- Educating public officials, city departments and public around implications and actions around climate change mitigation, adaptation and preparation

Division of labor among offices: Councilmember Davila's office will reach out to Councilmember Hahn and Harrison's offices to identify support needed

Outreach for Committee work:

- Sunshine Alliance in Richmond
- Transition Town in Albany
- Indivisible
- Transition Berkeley (Sophie)
- Brower Center – Earth Island Institute (Sophie)
- Sierra Club (Sophie)
- Tony Thurmond (Sophie worked with him on a big event around climate issues), Mary Nicely has a good list of environmental organizations (Kate)
- Berkeley Public Library has a database of every single organization in Berkeley and in the East Bay (searchable) – Sophie can support if it's a lot of organizations
- UCB Berkeley academics

August 24th: Councilmember Davila's office will synthesize and send out proposal

- **Option 1:** Preparation for Summit and counter activities for public officials – sign on letter that articulates clear demands and that adds the just transition plan (as host region) and encourage the passing of Climate Emergency Declarations
 - What do we have to present to people toward signing onto the letter? Toward informing their participation?
 - What can we ask people to prepare and present? What they are doing at a city/county level or for regional agencies, regionally? What needs to be done? What is in the way? (3 minutes each x 20 municipalities, organizations and/or agencies)
 - Build off of ideas generated at the UN meeting that 350.org east bay gathered
- **Option 2:** Town Hall focused on Berkeley (connector and accelerator) – another process at a later date

Town Hall: What is our specific deliverable? Further Faster Together

- Working Title: Faster Together
- Transition it into a Town Hall
- 9 Counties: Contra Costa, Silicon Valley, Sonoma, Alameda County, San Francisco County, South Bay, Santa Cruz – we need more thought on how we bring this together given challenges of doing so
- Municipalities to declare climate emergencies
- Develop plans for mass education and mobilization
- Unite Berkeley around Climate mitigation and preparedness
- Develop shared consensus that we have to work faster and more together with more coordination in response to climate change
- Establish Climate Declaration as framework for decision-making
- Mobilize a much different way of governing in response to urgency

Budget: Councilmember Davila will create a budget and circulate to committee and other offices and identify the mechanisms for allocating funds and will also share with community partners for possible contributions