

Policy and Legislation Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

6:00 pm - 7:39 pm

via Zoom

Meeting Agenda

Time	Item	Team Member
6-6:10	Welcome, Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reminder of timeline, goals• Update from Julie/David on the end product	Keni
6:10-6:25	Report from Beth on communication with Subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation - Ruth• Social - Andrea	Keni
6:25-7:00	Roundtable discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regarding our current status: each member identify one strength in our research/ideas, one question that you need answered before moving forward.• Set up a meeting with other sub-committees for Aug. 18?	Matt lead; all discuss
7:00-7:20	Identify priorities (make a reference list of existing policy), eliminate unnecessary items	Matt
7:20-7:30	Next Steps, AOB, and Adjourn	Keni

Present: Keni Rienks, Matt Williams, Beth Hansen, Ed Ablard, Steve Frank, Lindsey Hallock, David Ingram, Thom Moton

Absent: Lindsay Lake

Denotes individual action items.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Subcommittee Co-chair Keni Rienks welcomed David Ingram and Thom Moton to the meeting for an open discussion:

- Scope summarized - keep it narrow and attainable, keeping in line with subcommittee specifics

- Reiteration of recommendations for City Operations (buildings, fleet, the people/social aspects), citing examples from “sister cities” such as Asheville and Charlotte; recommended partnerships with UNCW, CFPUA, etc.
- Discussed current lobby efforts and partnerships:
 - Cities Initiative, NRDC, Metro Mayors Association, Municipal League
 - Consideration of impermeable surfaces (i.e. rooftops) for solar structures as opposed to land space; partnerships with other city/county/state facilities - be specific in naming those partnerships in recommendations
 - Lindsey Hallock to amend recommendation 2 in the draft to include agencies
- Thom suggested adding a recommendation to our draft regarding a standing commission/advisory group to continue to move this initiative forward (post-October)
- Discussion regarding Clear Path software for calculation/data; utilization of a uniform assessment across other agencies (i.e. CFPUA changing to Clear Path)
- Discussion regarding city resiliency and the usefulness of solar power in doing so (microgrids?)
- Relationship with Duke Energy discussed; IRP/ISOP in progress; Charlotte has a model partnership with Duke to potentially emulate

Beth summarized her exchanges with other subcommittees:

- Clean Energy Technology (Ruth) - working closely with Duke
- Social Equity/Outreach (Andrea) - close alignment with some of our recommendations
- We will assess each other’s most recent committee meeting minutes to assess the need for a co-meeting; will reach out for some time at full task force meeting if necessary
- Keni will follow up with Andrea

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.