

CRC Climate & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021

Start time: 10:01 am

End time: 11:54 am

1. Recording/ Roll Call

In Attendance: Anne Marie, Kevin, Liz, Bob, Dick, Sharon, Tom, Kyle

Guests from Public: Henning Sehmsdorf, Alexandra Gayek, Michelline Halliday, Jean/Michael Peterson

2. Minutes/Notes – Approved.

3. Committee discussion about mission of the Climate Commissioner and the department.

Draft ideas for commissioner and office - Anne Marie shared screen for these.

Discussion on the proposed language.

Need for a new subcommittee on Findings.

Title of position & department – Discussion:

Kevin (he/him/his) to Everyone (11:32 AM)

The working title for the position is the Climate and Environment Commissioner. The Office will be the Office of the Climate and Environment Commissioner. The mission of the Office of the Climate and Environment Commissioner is to take urgent action to combat climate change and protect our environment.

4. Public Comment: Comments from community members Henning Sehmsdorf and Alexandra Gayek.

3. Committee discussion resumed.

Use document presented by Anne Marie last week to form draft mission statement.

Mission statement has to come first. Then come the duties of the office, what activities are included. We have to make decisions, so we need a working mission statement.

Bob moved to adopt Kevin's working mission statement; Liz seconded.

Language for a motion that would adopt the working title for the position, office and mission:

The position is the Climate and Environment Commissioner. The Office will be the Office of the Climate and Environment Commissioner. The mission of the Office of the Climate and Environment Commissioner is to take urgent action to combat climate change and protect our environment.

Vote: 7 yea, 1 nay

Kyle agreed to write out for us how the position would work, how things would get done, what the person's powers would be.

5. New Business.

Next Week: We will talk about findings and how this office accomplishes its mission - looking at the various depts.. and what aspects of them should interface with the Office of Climate and Environment. As we heard from Barbara Rosenkotter, there is a need for someone to walk between these depts., and these depts. need to be engaged in the mission.

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.