

Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)

Minutes

Tuesday 7/16/2024 2:00pm – 3:30pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall

Attendees: Appointed CESC members John Barber, William Hanavan, Tami Matsuoka, and Catalina Wagers, and Andy Boateng, Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator, and Councilperson Gail Larson. A quorum was present. Catalina Wagers led the meeting, John Barber took minutes.

The June minutes were approved as submitted, and will be posted on the City website.

No new appointees to CESC were announced.

Coordinator Boateng asked the attendees if there was any specific feedback to the Mayor on the appointment process or potential appointees. The Committee had none.

In preparation for the upcoming Climate and Resiliency Plan (CARP) meeting later that day, Coordinator Boateng discussed the (now) 7 focus areas for the CARP. (Equity was the eighth focus area in the first presentation, but has been included in each of the remaining seven.) Andy laid out the flow of the evening's meeting, to be led by Melanie Nutter from Nutter Consulting. Andy will arrange a date and time for CESC to meet with Melanie prior to the August meeting.

The Committee discussed potential actions on the following:

- Municipal Composting: Councilwoman Larson is asking for 2025 funding to sponsor two composting bins in City for resident compost drop off. She will forward information to the committee for review and potential recommendation to Council prior to budgeting. Catalina will lead research and recommendation drafting.
- Stopping City use of 2-cycle engines on bad air quality days: John will research and draft recommendations for Council evaluation.
- City Forestry operations and Tree Preservation: Bill will research Cleveland's new Urban Forestry initiatives and review applicability to Cleveland Heights. Committee members encouraged to send Bill other information.

The Committee agreed to meet next on August 20 at 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall. Catalina will coordinate with city calendar.

Submitted by John Barber