

Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)

Minutes

Tuesday 01/21/2025 12:30pm – 2:00pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall

Attendees: Appointed CESC members John Barber, Carly Beck, William Hanavan, Tami Masuoka, Sean Terry, and Catalina Wagers, and Andy Boateng, Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator, and Councilperson Gail Larson. A quorum was present. Kaela Sweeney represented the Library. Matt Ziegler (PCFO), Kathy Smachlo, and Tom Gibson attended. Catalina Wagers led the meeting, John Barber took minutes.

The December 17 and November 13 (Special Meeting) minutes were approved as submitted, and will be posted on the city website.

CARP Rollout: Andy reported that the CARP was nearly finalized. There are still several edits awaiting data from Nutter Consulting. The implementation plan spreadsheet will be released at the same time as the CARP. All progress reports should be sent to Andy as he will be tracking implementation progress.

The committee heard a brief update on Shaker's now-approved funding of city-wide compost drop-offs through Rust Belt Riders beginning in 2Q 2025. CH funding for composting drop-off spots remains a goal for the ongoing 2025 budget process. Sean asked what composting statistics for CH were available from RBR – Catalina will query RBR and report back.

The guidelines for Reduced-waste Events are ready to go – Andy will take through City Communications and other city departments by 3/31. (Many of the guidelines apply to Block Parties and picnic shelter reservations, and this season begins in April.)

The committee discussed CARP-project implementation and tracking, including how to report progress to Andy for tracking. (Mohammad was unable to attend, but has much input on applying ESG guidelines to this, and ideas for tracking specific initiatives. He will present some of these at the February meeting.) Andy advised the committee that formal implementation work is dependent on identifying and including all applicable parties in discussions and that much of this wouldn't start until later in the year. John asked if Andy would be tracking anticipated city code updates so that codes could be updated in a coordinated fashion. Andy said he would be tracking needed city code updates.

The Committee agreed to meet next on February 18th from 2:00 – 3:30pm in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall. **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME.** Catalina will coordinate with city calendar.

Submitted by John Barber