
**TOWN OF CARRBORO
CLIMATE ACTION TEAM– SUMMARY**



Meeting on January 19, 2023, 7:00 pm

Board Members	Town Council Members	Staff	Guests
Kathy Kaufman	Sammy Slade	Laura Janway	Nick Stover (CAT Applicant)
Chrissie Schalkoff			Meg Molloy (CAT Applicant)
Tilly Pick			Jane Danielewicz (CAT Applicant)
Caroline Zhou			
Lauren Nyland			
Rob Pinder			
Heidi Paulsen			

Note: Absent/Excused: None

Call to Order, Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Kaufman.

Approve 12/15/22 Meeting Minutes

Schalkoff motioned to approve the 12/15/22 meeting minutes, seconded by Nyland. All voted in favor. **AYES: (7)**
Zhou, Paulsen, Pinder, Schalkoff, Kaufman, Nyland, Pick; **NAYES: (0)**.

Discussion Items

Mid-Year Environmental Sustainability Work Plan Progress Report Update

Staff member Janway provided a progress report on implementation of the FY22-23 Environmental Sustainability Work Plan. Members discussed dietary emissions outreach. CAT Applicant Molloy suggested promoting a weekly “Veg Out Day,” and CAT Applicant Danielewicz suggested reaching out to local restaurants. Members discussed electric vehicle charging stations. Chair Kaufman stated that the Town needed to determine where Level 2 charging stations make sense compared to fast charging stations. Town Council Member Slade mentioned that the Town should discuss employee parking and explore implementing a park and ride program, similar to the one which will be implemented with the 203 Project. Members agreed that park and ride locations would be ideal for Level 2 charging stations. Town Council member Slade also stated that the Town needs to be more intentional about where it is investing its energy to achieve its climate action goals.

Staff Update on Town Weatherization Programs

Staff member Janway provided a presentation with information about the Town’s current weatherization programs. Pick asked how the Town stacks up against other communities in terms of weatherization opportunities and the accessibility of the information. Staff member Janway mentioned that the CAT could potentially help review the updated Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund application and provide feedback. Members also discussed holding a breakfast for non-profits to come learn about available funding. CAT applicant Danielewicz asked staff member Janway to send out the weatherization presentation slides. Molloy mentioned that it would be helpful to have a chart that shows all available funding and who can apply. Pick asked if there are already social work organizations getting out into people’s homes.

Afterwards, CAT members decided that they would discuss the weatherization and Green Neighborhoods agenda items and discuss National Invasive Species Awareness Week afterwards.

Discussion Topics

- **Weatherization**
- **Green Neighborhoods Program**
- **Invasive Species**

CAT members provided updates on discussions held by groups of CAT members and applicants outside of CAT meetings.

CAT members Kaufman, Schalkoff, and Pinder provided information about their discussions related to weatherization. Chair Kaufman mentioned that member Schalkoff has put together a presentation with information about programs and incentives available through the Inflation Reduction Act. The group has also created a spreadsheet with Inflation Reduction Act Information. The group offered to share these resources with the rest of the CAT. Chair Kaufman stated that she, member Schalkoff, and member Pinder discussed which groups may be eligible for funding, the needs these groups may have, and the role the Town could play to disseminate information. Member Schalkoff mentioned that streamlining the information about programs is important. CAT applicant Molloy stated that the Town should consider hiring an engagement/outreach staff member who works with neighborhoods and communities. This position would act as a translator/integrator/social worker and work one-on-one with individuals as well. Chair Kaufman stated the Town should work with nonprofits and ask if they have a list of people who can be helped if CAT members can assist them funding. Member Pick suggested a climate change electric van for this work and stated that it's less about the Town coming to people and saying we have these opportunities, it's about people needing something and coming to the Town and easily being able to find out how to use it. Chair Kaufman said it will be important for the weatherization group to continue to meet between regular CAT meetings to determine the next steps for moving forward.

Member Nyland mentioned that she and member Schalkoff met to discuss the Green Neighborhoods Program. They discussed how to be most helpful to the Town with outreach for the program and how to disseminate information in the most effective manner. The group discussed continuing this discussion once the Green Neighborhoods Grant Program has been reviewed by the Town's Racial Equity Commission.

Discuss National Invasive Species Awareness Week Outreach

CAT members Paulsen and Nyland, CAT applicant Molloy, and Carrboro residents Barbara Stenross and Steven Feuerstein met to discuss invasive species removal and outreach in Carrboro. CAT applicant Molloy shared that the group discussed outreach for National Invasive Species Awareness Week in February as well as a larger campaign over the course of a year. They proposed working towards a monthly schedule for invasive plant removal at local parks and an educational presentation. In the interest of time, the group agreed that a meeting with staff member Janway would be the next step. Staff member Janway agreed to propose times for a meeting.

CAT members discussed future meetings. Motion was made by Pick to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, seconded by Pinder. All voted in favor. **AYES: (7)** Paulsen, Zhou, Kaufman, Pinder, Schalkoff, Nyland, Pick; **NAYES: (0)**.

Adjourn

Motion by Nyland to adjourn, seconded by Paulsen. All voted in favor. **AYES: (7)** Kaufman, Pinder, Schalkoff, Nyland, Pick, Zhou, Paulsen; **NAYES: (0)**. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.