

Energy and Climate Change Task Force Informal Discussion Summary*

There were no official actions nor votes because there was not an in-person quorum. Task Force and staff held informal discussions to review items presented and talk about an upcoming Community Workshop.

July 22, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

[Recording](#)
[Task Force Webpage](#)

Task Force Members

Alyssa Abosompin (Absent)
Javier Bastos (Present Remotely)
Leah Devendorf (Absent)
Mary Harris, Co-Chair (In-person)
Fiona Herbold (Absent)
Praveen Kathpal (Present Remotely)
Raquel Nicora (Present Remotely)

Marian Pegram, Co-Chair (In-person)
Josh Sawislak (Absent)
Marta Schantz (In-person)
Rose Stephens-Booker (Absent)
Stephen Walz (Present Remotely)
Sangina Wright (Present Remotely)

City Staff (In-Person)

Bill Eger

Jessica Lassetter

Members of the Public (Virtual)

Arthur Impastato
Berline Lewis
Erin Farley
Kathie Hoekstra
David Peabody
Matthew Johnston
Scott Barstow
Matthew Charpentier

- **General Information**

Staff provided an update to the Task Force on several items related to the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan including the timeline.

- **Mitigation**

Staff provided an update on business as usual (BAU) projections, modeling, and draft actions and strategies (shared in advance). The Task Force provided suggestions regarding grid emissions; increasing regional trail capacity; the Virginia Clean Economy Act. The Task Force requested that the Actions in the Action Plan be “SMART” goals and inquired if the Actions go “far enough” to achieve the goals in the 2040 Environmental Action Plan. They suggested that the Actions indicate the level of “investments” and also “impacts” to help prioritize. It was suggested that the Actions be more explicit in their tie-in to the 2040 Environmental Action Plan.

- **Heat Vulnerability**

Staff provided an update on the heat vulnerability analysis. It was suggested that night time temperatures (number of days) and consecutive days of heat waves be included.

- **August 27, 2022, Community Workshop**

The Task Force provided suggestions as to whom would benefit from attending the workshop and ideas on how to increase participation through outreach to different groups impacted by climate change.

**City staff and the Co-Chairs met several times to discuss the need to discuss the information generated by ICF regarding (1) mitigation; (2) vulnerability; and (3) adaptation to climate change with the Task Force starting in May 2022 through our last 'check in' on July 14th. Up to the July meeting, the Task Force had met 100% virtually with many members indicating their concern over meeting in person as the conversation pertaining to the global pandemic and the City's policies on in-person meetings began to shift. In May, it had been decided that the Task Force should meet in advance of the August 27, 2022, Community Workshop to provide feedback in advance of bringing the community together; the date for the July meeting was determined based on a poll to Task Force members shared in May. Based on feedback received, the Co-Chairs believed that only four of the 13-members would not be available to attend. One member who was planning to attend in person tested positive for COVID on 7/17/2022; another member who was planning to attend in-person indicated they would be more comfortable virtually on 7/15/2022. In total, 8 of the 13-members attended the meeting however, 3 were in person.*

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