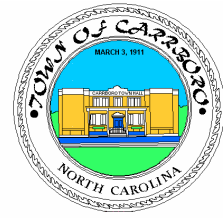


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**TOWN OF CARRBORO  
CLIMATE ACTION TEAM– SUMMARY**



Meeting on May 19, 2022, 7:30 pm

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Town Council Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Chrissie Schalkoff	Heidi Paulsen	Sammy Slade	Laura Janway
Tilly Pick		Randee Haven-O'Donnell	
Kathy Kaufman			
Lauren Nyland			
Rob Pinder			

Note: Absent/Excused: Caroline Zhou, Diane Robertson

**Call to Order, Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Kaufman.

**Approve 4/21/22 Meeting Minutes**

Nyland suggested to amend the minutes by adding a comment from guest Ward asking the CAT to take more action on reducing natural gas usage. Nyland motioned to approve the 4/21/22 meeting minutes with the suggested edit. The motion was seconded by Paulsen. All voted in favor. **AYES: (5)** Pinder, Paulsen, Kaufman, Pick, Nyland, Schalkoff; **NAYES: (0)**.

**Discussion Items**

**Continue Discussion of moving forward to specifically address Carrboro's climate goals**

Paulsen worked with Town Council member Haven-O'Donnell to create a spreadsheet showing categories of climate action initiatives and associated skills to help implement the initiatives. CAT members decided that they would fill in the spreadsheet indicating their interest in specific categories and send it to staff member Janway to share at the next meeting. CAT members decided to spend time at the next meeting discussing their next steps using the spreadsheet.

**Pollinator Week Outreach Discussion**

CAT members discussed ideas for Pollinator Week outreach in June. Chair Kaufman suggested integrating the ecosystem module and its information about native plants. Members discussed holding virtual screenings for the annual pollinator week movie in neighborhoods and providing activities parents could complete with their children. Nyland suggested creating a map of pollinator gardens in Carrboro and holding a walking tour. Paulsen suggested a walking tour at the botanical garden. Members discussed using an outdoor screen in the Town Commons to show the pollinator movie. Schalkoff mentioned that she could contact entomologists at the University of North Carolina for potential educational events. Kaufman suggested getting in touch with the New Hope Audubon Society, as they already provide pollinator talks and might have contacts for the garden tour.

**Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Introduction**

Staff member Janway introduced the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (EERLF) and asked CAT members for their input on the program moving forward. Kaufman suggested that the program should ensure that the required audit shows participants all potential options for saving money. Pinder suggested to focus on multifamily projects, which could save efforts in recruiting participants. Members discussed that this program is very valuable for groups that have trouble getting access to credit. Pick mentioned that residents might be anxious about climate and the Community Climate Action Plan and a resource at Town Hall to walk them through an application would be helpful. Members indicated their potential interest in holding scheduled office hours or being on-call to help residents with applications. Members discussed how the Town could go into neighborhoods and hold informational gatherings. The Town could

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also create an interactive video showing how to apply to the program. Members discussed how going through an application process as a group gives people more momentum and holding scheduled application times in neighborhoods would be helpful. Town Council member Slade mentioned that in the past, the Town had to contract the management of this program. He suggested allocating some of the Town's ARRA funds to organize a push for the EERLF program. He also mentioned the Town's weatherization program, and that the Town should look at how the EERLF can intersect with other funding. Members also discussed reaching out to contractors and asking about their experience. Members discussed their interests in helping with the EERLF as the Town moves forward.

**Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Pick and seconded by Kaufman, with all members voting in favor. **AYES: (6)** Pinder, Paulsen, Nyland, Schalkoff, Pick, Kaufman; **NAYES: (0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.