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Subject: CAP Committee Meeting of 11/7 comments

To Heather and Committee members

Re: Agenda item 4a.

The committee should continue to meet at a minimum at least monthly, until the process can be taken over by a full time CAP manager. The pace of getting any of the measures underway has been much too slow, so please, at a minimum, keep the current pace, or even increase to twice a month. There is still so much work to do to create a plan on how to achieve each of the stated measures.

Re: Agenda item 5a.

As stated above, we need this person ASAP to have any hope of meeting the city's climate goals. Please give this person broad authority to review and make policy.

Thank you
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Subject: Comments to CAP Committee for Nov. 7 Meeting

Comments by 350 Salem OR
Philip H. Carver, Ph.D.
To the Climate Action Plan Committee
Monday November 7 meeting

Greetings to Committee Members and Staff

We appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments.

We are pleased there are two items for action at this meeting. These are the first two formal actions by this committee. We support both actions – a discussion of the details is below.

We are very concerned about a discussion of having the committee meet quarterly. The lack of action so far this year does not justify less action next year. There are several major strategies in the CAP that merit implementation next year.

Recent experience has shown that urgent action to slow climate change is absolutely necessary. There are several actions at the municipal level that cannot be duplicated at the state or federal level. All levels of government need to be serious about reducing greenhouse emissions. The City will likely fail to meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2035 and 2050 if it does not take serious action in 2023.

The CAP Committee should meet monthly until a Climate Action Commission is appointed by the Council.

A citizen commission, similar to the Planning Commission, is necessary to implement the major strategies of the CAP and to ensure that all relevant city initiatives align with Salem's climate goals. Public hearings and open discussion of actions to reduce emissions from transportation and natural gas are urgently needed. Once a Climate Action Commission is meeting to advise the Council on all matters relating to Climate Action Plan implementation, the Council Subcommittee could have fewer meetings.

Climate Strategy TL24 (Charge for city-controlled parking (starting with on-street parking) using a supply/demand model intended to reduce parking in the central business district to 70-80% of supply)

We are disappointed that this climate strategy (TL24) is not on the agenda for action at this meeting. At earlier committee meetings there seemed to be broad agreement to begin to implement this climate strategy in November or December.

LCDC Rule implementation (OAR 660-012-0400 through 0450)

This agenda item (#6) is not optional for the City. As the included document from the Land Conservation and Development Department makes clear, the City must take action to be in compliance, in at least one case before December 31 of this year.

At this point 350 Salem does not have a position on which of the options the City should adopt. We strongly encourage a public hearing on this issue early in 2023.

Agenda Item #5 Recommendation to include funding for a dedicated Climate Program Manager in the City Manager's Proposed Budget (FY 2024)

350 Salem believes that this position is critical to the success of the CAP and application of a climate lens to all relevant city initiatives. For success this position must report to the City Manager's Office. Substantial shifts in focus are needed in several City departments. That direction must come from the City Manager and City Council.

Finally, oral comment at your meetings is critical to a responsible discussion of this issue

350 Salem continues to be disappointed at the lack of discussion of our written comments on climate actions that we have submitted in advance of your meetings. We have no assurance

that our comments are being read and that they are being considered. We have members who have significant technical expertise on several issues, including emissions from gas and electric utility service, land use, transportation and the issue of climate justice.

We would like the opportunity for oral comments and more engagement with the committee.