



Working Group Name: Climate
Meeting Date: February 21, 2012
Meeting Location: One Judiciary Square

Attendees: Annie Bennett, Sara Hoverter, Amanda Campbell, Larry Martin, Jennifer Ellington, John Macgregor, John Wickham, Peter Hildebrand, Joanne Kendry, Josh Lasky, Dan Barry (DDOE).

Main Points/Discussion:

The Sustainable DC Climate Work Group met on Tuesday, Feb. 21 to review our goal ranking and the ranking of our goals at the All Work Groups meeting earlier this month; and to discuss any modifications to our goals. In light of several findings (see bullets) the assembled decided to take our identification of goals and actions in a new direction - informed by what we've already done, and by how the All Work Group meeting reacted to it.

- As we've previously discussed in our work group, climate change has overarching attributes that are addressed by the goals in all the work groups. Although not all of the Sustainable DC work groups' goals necessarily target global warming, most will affect it one way or another. Consequently, many of the goals and actions identified by the climate change work group overlap with the others, particularly energy and built environment.
- At the All Work Group meeting we had only one of our goals in the top 10 *of all groups* - "Carbon Free by 33." No comment.
- Of our goals, four had a *combined* score below 10 (with 2 being the best possible score). The combined score included our own work group's ranking (goals 2 -5), and the All Work Group ranking of *only our goals & actions* (didn't include ranking of other work group's goals). We "characterized" (or generalized) those top scoring goals to represent functions that address global warming and presented them as a short set of climate goals that were fairly unique to the overarching global warming challenge (see numbers).

We discussed how to use the highest scoring four climate goals to reframe our work group's output so as to ensure that climate goals make a substantive contribution to the Sustainability DC initiative, and are not buried as a low priority or essentially redundant to other groups' goals.

We sorted though all of our group's goals and actions and categorized them under the four new overarching climate goals, with a fifth goal that is really quite undefined and leaves the



discussion open for further ideas. We have not fully developed the new goals yet (see discussion of next steps, below) but have given them a shorthand title:

1. **Cross Sector Over-arching goal/s to address global warming** (formally climate goal #2 Carbon Free by '33)
2. **Accountability and oversight to ensure steps to mitigate and adapt to global warming** (formally climate goal #3 incorporate climate change objectives in all DC agencies annual plans. Establish Council oversight on environmental committee to ensure that agency climate change goals are funded, implemented.)
3. **Information and education** (formally climate goal #4 Prioritize climate data transparency in order to empower citizens, organizations, and communities to make informed decisions.
4. **Information reporting** (formally climate goal #5 Establish reporting requirements for all sectors and make climate related data publicly available.
5. ??? Some things didn't quite fit into the four goals, so we have another group thinking about how to characterize these goals and actions. We agreed to create this fifth "goal" to try and capture the essence of whatever we don't fit into the other four goals. This leaves open the creative process.

If you're thinking that this sounds wonkish and not very exciting, we discussed that. We talked quite a bit about what else could work better. We essentially agreed that these four points did pretty well cover the issue, with most of our preexisting goals fitting under the new goal #1.

"Climate" is a difficult *issue* to address on an equal plane with issues like energy, food, transportation... because it is essentially a result of how these sectors of are designed and managed. Climate is a dependent variable of these other issues. So, we reasoned, to address climate, we need to understand what must be done with these other issues in order to meet climate objectives.

Essentially, our first goal is to state a Co2e reduction and stabilization goal, and the other goals are intended to work in conjunction with the other issues to ensure that we can track progress and report on climate objectives in ways that are meaningful.

NEXT STEP

Five teams formed to shape up the new Climate Goals (corresponding to the descriptions enumerated above). The soft deadline is for March 1. Anybody on the Climate work group can join in and contact the team leads to work on this. One of the challenges is to retain some identification of mitigation and adaptation in our goals. To participate on one of the teams contact the following team leads:

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2. John Macgregor - beamup2@gmail.com
3. Josh Lasky - jlasky@udc.edu,
4. John Wickam - johndwickham@gmail.com
5. Amanda Campbell - send to Larry @ lmartindc@gmail.com

Open Questions:

Date for next meeting: March 5, 2012, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Location for next meeting: One Judiciary Square, Room 1117

Questions? Email sustainable.climate@dc.gov

If you need to reach a Sustainable DC team member after hours, please call Daniel Barry at 202-596-4640

Glossary (to include any terms that are WG topic specific and not readily known to the public):

Resources (to include any books/websites that would be good for reference):