

Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)

Minutes

Tuesday 12/17/2024 12:30pm – 2:00pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall

Attendees: Appointed CESC members John Barber, Carly Beck, William Hanavan, Mohammad Irfan, Tami Masuoka, and Catalina Wagers, and Andy Boateng, Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator, Melanie Nutter, and Councilperson Gail Larson. A quorum was present. Kaela Sweeney represented the Library, and Malia Lewis represented the schools. Catalina Wagers led the meeting, John Barber took minutes.

The November 13 minutes were approved as submitted, and will be posted on the city website.

Two consultants (Ken Kalynchuk and Divya Sridhar) representing the Friends of Mendelsohn at Park Synagogue presented its work applying for an EPA Community Change grant focused on resiliency and sustainability. The grant application is submitted, notification will be in the next 4-6 months. The grant application includes a number of partners and covers funding and implementation for several ideas detailed in the draft CARP. The consultants and Andy answered questions from the committee.

The committee heard a brief update on Shaker's funding of city-wide compost drop-offs through Rust Belt Riders beginning in 2Q 2025. CH funding for composting drop-off spots remains a goal for the ongoing budget process. A good education sample from Hoboken, NJ will be posted on the CESC drive.

The committee discussed with Malia Lewis how the schools can help with implementing the CARP and how the committee might work with the CH/UH schools.

CARP Rollout: Andy noted that the CARP is undergoing another comment input cycle, and has not been declared final. Nutter Consulting's role is finished, and Andy will be driving the plan implementation in conjunction with city departments, CESC and other stakeholders. The city department heads are already engaged for plan implementation. Individuals on CESC will also engage in areas of specialty knowledge and interest. (Catalina will circulate a shared document for CESC members to indicate areas of interest for individual committee members.) Mohammad suggested each implementation task have a plan and budget to aid in prioritization.

The implementation will be undertaken by task owners (Column H in Implementation spreadsheet) in conjunction with the stakeholders (Column J). The spreadsheet can be sorted by a variety of parameters to help identify priorities and update key performance indicators (Column Q).

The Committee agreed to meet next on January 21, 2025 at 12:30 – 2:00pm in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall. Catalina will coordinate with city calendar.

Submitted by John Barber