

Climate Smart Committee Meeting Meeting

April 27,2022

Attending: Steve Cea, Marcy Denker, Liz McGrory

1. Transportation

- a. EV Fleets and Infrastructure Update [Fleet Assessment Form](#) (Marcy and Steve will complete); Nyack qualifies for 100% funding for EV infrastructure from O&R but not the actual charger. Property developers could be made aware of this to consider incorporating into their structures.
- b. Safe Routes to School Project Update - \$5 million project along Depew Ave, Summit, & Main. Speed bumps, widen sidewalks, etc.
- c. Low Carbon Concrete - Andy sent details to the engineer for review to incorporate into Safe Routes project.

2. Energy

- a. NY Stretch - Stricter code but good payback and better buildings done now. Building Inspector supports, and Marcy prepared a memo to be presented at VB meeting 5/4/28. With VB approval there is time to get the code approved and submit to CEC for points and a \$5000 grant.
- b. Manny attended the NYSERDA Energy Code Enforcement Training, which provided points toward the Clean Energy Communities program. We qualified for a \$10,000 grant.
- c. BlocPower Meeting review and Nyack Library - potential for drawing on this as a resource for installing heat pumps in the older portion of the library for needed replacement of boilers. Library may be eligible for state construction aid and state incentive programs through NYSERDA and O&R. Steve will note that that CSC generated the initiative.

3. Natural Resources

- a. No Mow May - Test sites will be set up on three public sites. Marcy is making some signs and is the contact on public outreach, including google site. The idea is to share what people are seeing in their patch of lawn.

4. Materials Management

- a. Orangetown Food Scraps/Rockland Composters Update - arranged for libraries to have bags for the program and participation has doubled. Discussion of satellite locations for drop off, possible at pump station in marina lot. Capacity for processing may be a limiting factor. Rockland Green has said that there is no place in Rockland where you can locate a facility where the smell will not be an issue. Our understanding is that Rockland is planning to build a biodigester in several years.

5. Clean Energy Communities Grant Options

- a. EV - money could be used for vehicles

- b. Audits - opportunity to conduct building audits for energy efficiency upgrades for NYSERDA grants. Have done in the village hall - but may need to be updated. DPW may be a candidate for heat pumps, and the roof could accommodate solar but does not need to be replaced yet. Senior Center may be a good candidate, Head Start is owned by Village but Village doesn't control how energy is used there. Police substation.
 - i. Nyack Housing Authority (NHA): has its own management. Plan to approach with specific action to propose.

6. Climate Action Plan

- a. Should know about the grant sometime in May. Raise awareness as we wait for the DEC to review the grant adjustment in May.
- b. Call for new members for CSC –May 15 via Village website (date) and FB, Villager weekly update (5/11) and/or full article (5/13).
- c. Planning and doing May through August as possible
- d. Launch the project with public fanfare and steering committee in place Sept
- e. We need to discuss how to use ICLEI's services. Start conversation with ICLEI on their work plan to assist with the CAP.
- f. What are we looking for members? Identify specific skill sets, expertise, demographics, etc.
 - i. Younger people - wider age range
 - ii. Expertise, e.g.
 - 1. Tony Lisanti (steering committee)
 - 2. Andrew Goodwillie (possible)
 - iii. UN did very broad outreach
 - iv. Consider presentations in different areas to engage and interest people in overall efforts

- 7. Including Village Administrator in Meetings or restarting Green Team. Steve and Marcy to discuss with Andy Stewart.