

4:00 PM Welcome & Check In - Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes from 3/16/23

- Welcome Kelly and Chase as newly appointed co-chairs of the JTSC
- Acknowledgement that this will likely be both Indra's and Kashka's last JTSC meeting as subcommittee members as they are included in the very recently signed VCC community engagement contract

Attendance:

- Abbey Willard
- Claire McIlvennie
- Jane Lazorchak
- Marian Wolz
- Kelly Klein
- Sarah Phillips
- Danielle Bombardier
- Indra Acharya
- Kashka Orlow
- Anna Guenther
- Pat Sagui
- Sang Pham

4:10 PM Updates from VT Climate Council

- Have to update the Climate Action Plan by 2025
- Will reevaluate roles of the VCC
- Roles of the subcommittees and task groups will be considered by the steering committee
- Unfortunately were not able to reflect clear next steps during the VCC meeting
- Also wonder how the VCC wants to engage with the public and how to most effectively utilize the public comment period

Recommendation to add more time on the next JTSC agenda to discuss how public comment and community engagement can be better engaged in meetings and processes

4:25 PM Reflection space and open share

- Shared reactions to the VT Renews BIPOC Council follow up letter to the statehouse
 - Representation is limited by marginal compensation
 - Reminder that VT is a very white state but not exclusively white
 - Concern about the magnitude of requests for representation upon a limited population of BIPOC Vermonters
 - Worry about notion of tokenism related to inclusion of BIPOC in this climate work
 - We have lost lots of people and their voices in our process
 - Government structures are built under capitalism and inflexible bureaucracy
 - Frustrations around inability to manage appropriate compensation, engage public concerns; awareness that we are listening but not taking action
 - Confusion around how to engage in the VCC consensus-based decision making model

Recommendation to listen to public comments from 3/13 VCC Meeting

- Discussion of what we can do
 - BIPOC individuals feel unheard and tokenized

Motion to create a JTSC subgroup to understand the scope and details of the VT RENEWS letter and to draft a response fully supporting the demands and asking for public response from concerned agencies

- Ask the VCC to take the letter's actions seriously and address their response publicly
- Include specific things we intend to do differently
- How do we ensure that such a letter in the future doesn't 'slip through the cracks'

Motion passed

Created JTSC subgroup to draft the letter

- Kelly, Indra, Anna, Sarah

5:10 PM Public comment

- Comment that public comment needs adjustment; how are comments being tracked and is the action coming close to the feedback and public comments provided; ensure that comments are being incorporated into process and recaps of meetings
- Suggestion of tracking public comments as a form of accountability

5:20 PM (5:30 PM) Discussion of process for offering feedback on recommendations

- How do we want to engage with other task groups and subcommittees on the Guiding Principles rubric review of recommendations?
 - Scoring should occur along with the questions
 - Recommendation of pre-work with presenter to prep for how the presentation to JTSC should occur – including timeframe, process, roles
 - Recommend 2 part process
 - Each task group member applies the rubric
 - Then come together to submit one rubric to JTSC
 - Join JTSC for shared summary and discussion/questions
 - Do we have a clear ask of other groups?
 - Can we create a template prior to submitting the rubric?
 - Can all JTSC members have a retreat to come together to clearly understand what we mean in each principle language and rubric scoring?
 - Recommendation that Guiding Principle Questions could be part of a living document that is reviewed, revised, used as a guide, identifies gaps throughout the recommendation development process
 - Could we make this intention clearer?
 - What JTSC created was designed to shape the development of policy and rules
 - Not an after-the-fact assessment tool
 - Asking other groups to come to our Subcommittee creates accountability
 - Liaisons from JTSC to each subcommittee/task group can be the way that the rubric is considered and reviewed

5:40 PM Finalization of JTSC Role memo to share with VCC

- Encourage VCC, SC and TG to continue to use the GP and equity assessment throughout the development of proposals as a tool to guide the development of
- May need a process document to share with others about how to use the assessment tool
- Suggestion to modify 3a as new strategy #4 to serve as a form of accountability for the upcoming community engagement staff and public engagement contract work
- JTSC purposeful engagement memo was finalized and will be sent to the VCC for review at next VCC meeting

5:55 PM What's Next - Next meeting; other business

- Next meeting is April 20th 4-6 pm
- Purposeful role memo is ready to be sent to the VCC

Meeting ended at 6:02 PM