

Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council November 16, 2023 4:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kelly Klein, Anna Guenther, Paula Melton, Mona Tolba, Danielle Bombardier
Kashka Orlow, Sophi Veltrop, Stephen Mefferd

Updates:

The Committee does not have a quorum with only 5 council members of 11 present.

- 4:00 PM Welcome & Check In
- Committee does not have quorum; it was decided to hold meeting for information sharing with no decisions. Meeting recording will be shared.
 - 9/7/2023 Minutes were not voted on due to lack of quorum.
 - Welcome Sophi Veltrop, ANR Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator. Sophi started her position in September and is a new staff person in ANR's Climate Action Office.
- 4:15 PM VCC, Climate Action Office and other subcommittee/task group updates
- October/November JTSC meeting lacked quorum.
 - Proposal to use meetings for info sharing and decision making, with some of the other work being tackled by a smaller group. Less than half of the subcommittee, up to 5 subcommittee members can participate. If interested, let Kelly know.
 - Denise Bailey – Capstone Community Action, appointed as new Councilor who will be joining JTSC (as of Climate Council Steering Committee meeting on 11/16/23)
 - Many subcommittee seats are up for reappointment in January, members will be officially asked if they want to stay on the subcommittee. If there are vacancies, there will be a recruitment process. Suggestions can go through the nomination process. Nomination form in development, people who are interested in joining the subcommittee can contact JTSC co-chairs (Chase, Abbey or Kelly)
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 - Updates from the Climate Action Office
 - o Small group work planning for VT Climate Council.
 - o There will likely be an all day meeting in January for the full council, subcommittee members encouraged to attend
 - o For per diem process, Sophi Veltrop will be taking over administration of per diem requests from ANR (sophi.veltrop@vermont.gov)
- 4:40 PM Public comment – no comments at this time

- 4:45 PM Public Engagement Participation Process
- CBI progress report update from David Plumb and Kashka Orlow [see/listen meeting recording]
 - Discussion and brainstorm about additional ideas and collaboration points
 - o Great to see this work happening
 - o What is the plan for outreach with schools and youth?
 - o What about branching out to regions outside of the Burlington area?
 - o Can JTSC members get a heads-up about when events are happening?
 - o How are we answering questions that come up and reporting back to communities?
 - o How do people find out about events? How can JTSC help and support? JTSC members can add events to spreadsheet or contact Kashka directly. Most interested in people least likely to be involved, historically marginalized.
 - o Keep the ideas coming (including upcoming events)
- 5:45 PM Public comment
- Request for power point shared by CBI
 - Transnational Partnership working with partners in China. Interested in what actions Vermont is taking on the local level that could be shared with partners in China.
 - Is there a list of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that can be shared? The Council and Subcommittee does not have a list at this time.
- 5:55 PM What's Next
- December meeting currently scheduled on December 21st, looking to reschedule for a better day or cancel.
 - Guiding principle working group should try to meet in the next few weeks.
 - Other business

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