

PACAB Climate Action Plan – Clerk’s Notes
September 24, 2019

Christy Terry, PACAB Chair

Welcome

Introduced PACAB Members present

Provided overview of the eight categories: Energy, Transportation & Land Use, Forest & Open Spaces, Flood Resilience, Ocean Health, Water & Waste, Municipal Operations, and Public Involvement.

Dr. Micah Hahn, International Arctic Research Center; Asst Professor of Environmental Health at UA

Worked with Anchorage on their CAP

What is a climate Action Plan? 1) must represent the values and the voices of the community, 2) be creative; you don’t need a big budget, 3) is a strategic roadmap for measuring and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and 4) prepares for the impacts of climate change.

Q&A

1. A lot of solutions fall on the consumer. How can the accountability go back to retailers and others? *Develop a CAP for Seward then share it with other cities. Join together to create common solutions and work with energy together.*
2. How can we balance adaptation and mitigation? *If lots of small entities are making proactive changes then the cumulative effect can be profound.*
3. How do you define the scope and what to address? *Include anything that can be addressed by any partnering resources (i.e., the city plus university, marine groups, private businesses, etc.).*
4. Was a Carbon Tax considered in Anchorage’s CAP? *It was not identified specifically in Anchorage, but because Seward is smaller, we may be able to gather consensus from stakeholders for this idea earlier on.*
5. Did working groups have their own matrixes for goal setting? *No, except for energy and waste. Other sectors have not developed matrixes, but will be working on that for the next year or so.*

Dr. Hahn will be available to answer questions at PACAB’s October 23, 2019 meeting.

Other Notes:

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

<https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/>

Guide to Equitable Community-Driven Climate Preparation

https://www.usdn.org/uploads/cms/documents/usdn_guide_to_equitable_community-driven_climate_preparedness-high_res.pdf

Has been uploaded to the city’s website on PACAB’s page

Portland, Oregon’s Climate Action Plan

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/49989>