

Grassroots Institute - Climate Crisis Workgroup (GRI-CCW)

Notes: Workgroup Meeting Saturday April 24, 2021

- Attending - Carrie Durkee, Lillian Cartwright, Marcy Snyder, Garth Saalfeld, Jim Schoonover, Jean Crosby, and Peter McNamee
- Meeting Agenda:
 - Organizational Structure of Workgroup
 - Leadership
 - Librarian/Notes
 - Reporting to GRI
 - Priorities
 - Short-term Goals
 - Long-term Goals
- Carrie Durkee opened the discussion expressing the need to tighten up the CCW's organizational framework, make some decisions about leadership, and imagine how to be functional, yet stay flexible. She also suggested that GRI-CCW consider adding to its Climate Crisis proposals that Fort Bragg join ICLEI, a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. www.iclei.org
- Structure/Organization:
 - Leadership: The workgroup discussed the advantages of establishing a leadership structure matched to the talent and experience resources available among the groups members. Agreement was reached that a two person Steering Committee composed of Marcy Snyder and Carrie Durkee would take on the leadership tasks for the group thru the summer and then the workgroup could reevaluate its structure and objectives in the fall.
 - Librarian/Notes: Peter McNamee would continue to provide notes of the meetings and would work with Jim Tarbell to establish an on-line accessible library of documents that could be used as a record of the workgroups actions and as a resource for information/educational materials.

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- GRI Reporting: Garth Saalfeld will assume on-going responsibility for summarizing the workgroups actions at full GRI meetings.
 - All members of the workgroup have valuable skills and knowledge and will be encouraged to contribute their expertise and talents towards group decision making and in accomplishing the short and long term goals of the GRI-CCW.
- Priorities:
- Short-term - The CCW will promote its Climate Crisis Proposals (Photo-Voltaic Panels on Public Buildings, Public Electric Charging Stations, and Electrification of the Mendocino Transit Authority Fleet). As part of that work CCW intends to encourage local governments adopt an evaluation component to assess & report on progress towards mitigating consequences of Climate Change. For example, encouraging local governments in Mendocino to join ICLEI and utilize its evaluation and assessment tools.
 - Long-term - The CCW's long term purpose and objective is to educate itself and the public on the challenges and opportunities of Climate Change and to strive to optimize the common good and well-being of Mendocino County's inhabitants.

Before adjourning, it was also agreed that two tasks needed to be completed before the May 1st GRI meeting:

1. Prepare a set of questions to ask Supervisor Dan Gjerde at the May 1st GRI general meeting as follow up to our last meeting with Dan. (Peter McNamee will draft questions)
2. Follow up on Tess Albin's suggestion to invite City Council-member Lindy Peters to participate in the GRI-CCW meeting and ask for his support for Fort Bragg to adopt CCW's Climate Crisis Proposals and to allocate adequate American Rescue Act monies to effectuate the proposals. (Marcy Snyder and Carrie Durkee will ask George Reinhardt to make the invitation to Lindy Peters)