

Notes Grassroots Institute - Climate Crisis Workgroup (GRI-CCW) 5-15-21

The GRI met in a zoom session at 10 am on Saturday May 15, 2021. Marcy Snyder provided an agenda addressing the following matters, which were discussed and acted upon at the meeting:

- Carrie Durkee reported copies of both the City of Fort Bragg and County of Mendocino Board of Supervisors climate crisis proposals have been formatted on GRI letterhead by Jim Tarbell and are available for distribution via the GRI-CCW web page. The formatted proposals have been sent to all the members of the Fort Bragg City Council and the Mendocino Board of Supervisors (BoS).
- Since the last meeting of the GRI a concerted effort has been made to solicit support and endorsements from community groups, Carrie Durkee provided a spreadsheet showing that since the last meeting; EPIC, the local Sierra Club, Climate Action Mendocino, the Mendocino County Jewish Community Justice Group, the Coast Democrat Club and Victory Gardens for Peace have endorsed the GRI proposals. Several requests for addition organizations to make endorsements are in process. In addition several groups and businesses were identified that could be asked to support the GRI proposals. George Reinhardt, Carrie Durkee, Marcy Snyder and Garth Saalfeld, in addition to others, have made a spectacular effort to get organizations to support GRI's proposals.
- Jean Crosby and Marcy Snyder have launched a signature petition drive at Harvest Market and climate change demonstrations, and so far have collected almost 100 signatures in support of the GRI-CCW climate action proposals. Peter McNamee has also been circulating the petition in Mendocino.
- Scott Menzies has offered to conduct an social media petition drive to build support for the GRI proposals. Carrie Durkee and Peter McNamee will follow up with Scott to work out the particulars.
- Marcy Snyder reported that the Fort Bragg (FB) City Council will hold its public budget workshop on Monday May 17, 2021 at 9 am by zoom. GRI will urge all its members and the civic organizations & individuals supporting the GRI FB climate change proposals to provide public comment via the council's zoom meeting at 9:15 am on Monday and/or provide emails in support to the city council. The city is obligated to adopt its budget by the end of June and GRI is requesting that it

apportion American Rescue Plan Act funds to install PV systems on city buildings, “fast” EV charging stations, and to help electrify the MTA fleet.

- Jim Tarbell was asked to develop public relations materials for the media (press release & PSA) in order to facilitate media coverage of GRI’s climate crisis proposals and to build public awareness and support. Peter McNamee will provide Jim with the basic “who, what, when & why” info for the media materials.
- Misc - Carrie Durkee noted that she’s received suggestions for improvements to the GRI-CCW proposals; i.e. providing subsidies to residents to purchase EVs. Also, Marcy Snyder reported a recent announcement that the state would be providing an estimated \$750 million in funding for green jobs in a carbon neutral future. The workgroup agreed that we should stay focused on the FB and Mendo Co. budget process until June, but reassess our direction after that and consider next steps including some of these ideas.
- The GRI-CCW will meet again by zoom on Thursday May 20th at 6:30 pm. Carrie Durkee will send out the login info by email.