AGENDA

NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASKFORCE

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st, 2024, 5:15 PM

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 5:15 PM on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

- 1. Approval of minutes from the previous three meetings. A majority of the CETF (6 of 10 members) constitutes a quorum
- 2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff
 - a. The OCS proposal to the USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction was selected for funding. OCS is working with USDA to adjust the final budget due to the loss of one partner organization, Brightfeeds.
 - *b.* EPA Government-to-Government grant. OCS is in negotiations with EPA over the final budget.
 - c. I Heart My Home canvassing campaign continues. 92 households have enrolled and received I Heart My Home consultations since canvassing began.
 - d. Healthy Homes, Clean Cooktops is moving forward with New Haven Health Department and Yale School of Public Health. We expect to distribute cooktops to families in February.
 - e. Funding the Climate Justice Schools program directly through New Haven Climate Movement (NHCM) for Fiscal year 2023-2024. This request for an agreement for NHCM is still being processed.
 - f. Recycling Educator: OCS is still seeking to hire a part-time Recycling Educator (up to 19 hours per week, \$25-30 per hour).
 - g. Styrofoam enforcement: OCS has begun outreach with the Health Department to restaurants and food trucks to educate them about the City's ban on the use Styrofoam products.

- h. Shellfish shell recycling program: Atelier Florian has joined, now a total of 4 restaurants.
- i. Solar installations. Project planning has begun for the school parking canopies and landfill projects. The Solid Waste Authority has signed off on the access agreement for the landfill project.
- 3. Discussion with Laura Brown, Executive Director, City Plan Department on the intersection of zoning reforms and climate action
 - a. Update on accessory dwelling unit ordinance
 - b. Which other reforms should the City explore prioritizing to reduce emissions through zoning?
 - i. For example, allowing increased density of housing, smaller (or the removal of) minimum unit sizes, small (or removal) of minimum lot sizes, mixed (co-location) of uses to reduce transportation emissions, reduction (or removal of) parking requirements, other ideas?
 - ii. How do potential reforms interact with the City's inclusionary zoning policy?
- 4. Discussion Items: Using the \$35,000 remaining in the CETF budget before June

a. Indoor Air Quality Education Event

- i. Per person budget for materials is \$73.50
 - 1. Filter: \$40, Fan: \$30, Weather Stripping: \$3.50
- ii. At 20 people, plus \$50 for refreshments, the total budget is \$1,550.
- iii. How do we get the word out about this event in a way that would produce meaningful public participation? Who would this event be aimed at? Is there a partner or partners we could collaborate with?

b. Composting in City Hall

- i. This activity could potentially be part of the USDA grant so OCS hasn't developed a budget for it yet.
- c. Other ideas?

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