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**Minutes to the Climate Smart Kingston Commission Meeting, April 24, 2019**  
**City Hall, Kingston NY 5:00-6:30 PM**

**Commission Members (Voting):** Elizabeth Broad, Miles Crettien, Melissa Iachetta, Kevin McEvoy (Secretary), Sarina Pepper, Dan Smith, Karen Sullivan, John Wackman (excused), Casey Schwarz, Maija Niemisto

**Commission Members (Non-Voting):** Amanda LaValle (Ulster County Dept of the Environment; not present) Brenna Robinson (Kingston Office of Economic Development, not present), Julie Noble (Kingston Parks & Recreation, Commission Chairperson), Alderperson At Large James Noble, Bill Carey or Designee (City of Kingston Common Council- not present), NYS Assembly Member Kevin Cahill or Designee (not present), John Shultheis or designee Kingston City Engineering Office, (not present) Edward Norman or Designee Kingston Dept of Public Works (not present)

**Guests:** Cal Trumann (Sun Common), Kate Monahan, Don Tallerman

**I. Welcome Guests and Public Comment:** The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:04PM.

**II. Modifications to the Agenda:** None.

**III. Review and Approval April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Maija Niemisto and seconded by Commissioner Karen Sullivan, the commissioners present unanimously approved the minutes to the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 meeting.

**VI. Old Business: 2019 CSKC Goals**

- 1. Municipal Solar Project:** Commissioner Casey Schwarz and Commissioner Dan Smith have reached out to Kevin Gilfeather at Parks and Recreation to meet concerning the project. The 2007 Wendell report was reviewed again but the data appears outdated regarding the Any Murphy Center. An 80KW solar installation is a possibility for the installation.
- 2. Reuse Center and Repair Café:** Commissioner Melissa Iachetta reported that the next Repair Café scheduled for May 4 at Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church has been postponed, due to a scheduling issue with Bike Friendly Kingston and the annual Clean Sweep that same day. Repair Café table at the Earth Fair on May 11. See link to the Repair Cafe: <http://www.repaircafehvh.org/kingston>
- 3. Create Logo/Branding for CSKC:** Commissioner Dan Smith discussed the new logo is finished and in use. Five Towers Design Company did the design.
- 4. Outreach and Education:** Commissioner Melissa Iachetta presented the new commission brochure/handout drafts focusing on “Reduce, Reuse, Rethink, Recycle” with a cover sheet. It was suggested to be a trifold with Spanish translation. The Chairperson and Commissioner Miles Crettien will help with the editing. Commissioner Melissa Iachetta will get quotes on the final document and a banner for Climate Smart Kingston Commission to be available by the date of the Earth Fair. Commissioner Betta Broad also presented a New Yorkers for Clean Power brochure entitled “12 Ways to Take Action on Climate Change”.
- 5. Refrigerants:** No update at this time. The refrigerant drop off and pickup fees were discussed as a possible disincentive. Commissioner Maija Niemisto discussed DEC involvement with refrigerants. Commissioner Dan Smith discussed Bard policy. Retailers taking back refrigerants and appliances when a new appliance is purchased was also discussed. No action was taken at this time.
- 6. CAP/GHG Emissions Update:** Sean Koester has gathered data on greenhouse gas emissions but his providing an update presentation to this commission is postponed to a later meeting. An update to the Climate Action Plan was discussed. Sean is expected at the May 22 commission meeting. Betta discussed a possible scheduling conflict with another event on that date.
- 7. Green Business Challenge and Green Jobs Training:** Commissioner Betta Broad provided a brief update on the Green Business Challenge and the Ulster County staff position expected to be filled at the county pending the upcoming change in the county executive office.
- 8. Support Zoning Committee Recommendations Update:** Commissioner Kevin McEvoy reported that he has been appointed to the Zoning Task Force and reported to the commission on the April 23 Task Force meeting. The commission has two subcommittees, the first working on language for the Request for Proposals for the consultant,

and the second to concentrate on the scope of work for the consultant. Commissioner McEvoy will meet with the scope of work subcommittee and check in with the other subcommittee. The scoping subcommittee is next scheduled for May 2 at 2PM in Conference Room 2 at City Hall. Next full Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 21 at City Hall, tentatively in Conference Room 2.

- 9. Support City on Sustainability Projects:**
  - a. Earth Fair:** The Chairperson discussed outreach to the Earth Fair on May 11 at Forsyth Park. Commissioners will distribute lawn signs. Poster and postcards can go out after Saturday, April 27. Volunteers will be needed for many different tasks. Link follows: [www.kingston-ny.gov/earthfair](http://www.kingston-ny.gov/earthfair).
  - b. Composting** Municipal composting was discussed. A new resident survey regarding composting is to be drafted by the Chairperson and Carla Castillo. Maija and Karen will review the draft survey. The survey will be released at the Earth Fair. The Chairperson discussed composting of sludge. The Chairperson spoke on dual stream recycling and the new totes, which have been delivered as of date. There are still issues with certain recycling contaminants such as pizza boxes, plastic bags and plastic clamshell food containers. Violations will be issued shortly for non-compliance.
  - d. LED Lighting and City Hall Window Retrofits:** The Chairperson provided an update on LED retrofits. The City Hall window retrofits are also to be installed shortly.
  - e. Open Space Plan:** The Chairperson reported on the open space plan, which will be the topic of a public meeting on May 14 and should wrap up by summer with submission for adoption by the Common Council.
- 10. Heat Smart and Heat Pumps:** Commissioner Betta Broad reported that contractors have been selected regarding Heat Smart Ulster Sullivan. Heat Smart will have a May 9 launch event at the Beverly on Foxhall Avenue, which will also promote a clean power guide. A possible additional Heat Smart event in Kingston was discussed for later in the year. Link to Heat Smart: <https://www.renewableny.org/heatsmart>
- 11. Solar and Community Solar:** Commissioner Cal Trumann discussed community solar at the Pointe of Praise Church solar array that involves Sun Common which is now fully subscribed. There is to be a pollinator habitat plating project under the panels. There is also a solar project in Red Hook to kick off in May. Betta reported on a NY for Clean Power project in New Windsor that is open to Central Hudson customers.
- 12. New Business: Drawdown Eco Challenge:** Commissioner Sarina Pepper reported on the City of Kingston Drawdown EcoChallenge which ends tonight, April 24. Members are Chairperson Julie Noble, Matt Dunn former Common Council Member, Commissioners Sarina Pepper, Melissa Iachetta, and John Wackman. Team is on the top half of scores of the challenge. Link to the challenge follows:  
<https://drawdown.ecochallenge.org>  
<https://drawdown.ecochallenge.org/teams?country=&kind=&page=2&state=New+York&sword=>

#### **VIII. Announcements/Communications/Events/Updates:**

- a. Public Safety/General Government Committee:** Commissioner Kevin McEvoy will attend the meeting tonight. March update was at last meeting.
- b. Ulster County Climate Smart Committee:** Cal Trumann reported on County and State compost plans. Mohonk Road in Rosendale is getting a solar array. Sea Level Rise visualization art project is to be installed in the Rondout. Community Choice Aggregation was discussed.
- X. Adjournment:** Upon motion duly made Commissioner Casey Schwarz and seconded by Commissioner Miles Crettien, commissioners present unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm.

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