

## Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement



### Mission:

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change

### Committee Members:

**Citizens:** Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau, Ben Hines  
**City Staff:** Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Linda Carl

### Meeting Agenda

April 5, 2007

1. *Mayor's Report on the City Council retreat*
2. *Staff GHG Committee update/ICLEI baseline*
3. *Earth Day and National Day of Climate Action*
4. *Miscellaneous*

### Meeting Notes

March 1, 2007

**Present:** Steve Bernheim, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau, Ben Hines, Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller  
**Absent:** Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Linda Carl

#### 1. Staff GHG committee update

Gary has appointed a staff committee to determine the City's footprint; Steve Fisher is the chair. After training with ICLEI's software to create a baseline inventory for local government greenhouse gas analysis, the City has chosen 1999 as the "target date." The committee will take another month or so to complete its collection of data for the baseline inventory. The ICLEI software focuses on energy usage, vehicles, wastewater treatment operations, and other City activities to help establish a basis for setting goals. He provided a hypothetical example of how the ICLEI software compares and calculates energy consumption based on the available data.

Steve F. reported there have been significant savings at the Water Treatment Plant. He reviewed plans to promote energy efficiency in City Buildings, particularly in the library, Public Safety building, and City Hall. He detailed future conservation projects planned for the Senior Center, Fire stations, and other City operations.

#### 2. Steve Bernheim's draft City Action Plan

Steve observed that nearly all available material divides *local* action plans into five areas: improving transportation and reducing gasoline emissions, promoting home and business efficiency, promulgating "smart growth" laws, reducing energy use by government operations, and public education programs.

Since it had not been widely distributed, Steve sent a copy of the Mayor's light bulb proclamation along with a letter identifying local merchants who had changed their bulbs to the

Chamber of Commerce, which distributed a special announcement to all its members. Several Chamber members have stopped him in the street to talk about it.

Steve suggested the committee move forward with recommendations of actions that will have to be taken eventually anyway, regardless of the results of the ICLEI inventory. He presented a “top ten” list of his own that included adopting anti-idling rules, getting rid of two-stroke engines, closing lanes to traffic to develop walk- and bike-ways, supporting International Car Free Day on Saturday, September 22, developing efficiency-oriented building codes instead of *mandating* taller ground-floor commercial spaces, recognizing local residents and businesses that make special contributions and efforts, buying green energy, and building educational alternative energy demonstration projects.

The mayor said that Sunset Avenue already had a bike lane (the view side of Sunset Avenue is reserved for idling parked cars) and that individual tenants could choose to lower interior ceilings heights even though 15-foot ceilings are required in all new downtown construction.

Steve passed around an anti-idling regulation he drafted based on Vancouver, Canada’s and he passed out an information sheet comparing scores of other anti-idling laws from around the country. He also passed out a proposal that the City support plug-in hybrids.

Once the City decides what to do, Steve said that its decision should be documented in a specific plan. Steve has begun to draft such a report and handed out excerpts.

#### Miscellaneous

Gary mentioned the food-scrap disposal program and said that we might publicize that some way, and that it might not be available in Edmonds right now. Please ask Gary or Steve F. for detail on this item.

The library saved 50 percent electricity with its replacement HVAC system. Stop lights are being changed to LED, too.

Ben Hines brought in the book “The Low Carbon Diet.” Gary encouraged everyone to order one at Edmonds Bookstore.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 3 at 9 a.m.