

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Members: Austin Tylec, Deb Gondek, Jack Kanack, Tim Pieper, Mike Tuzzo, Emily Root, Brian Conley (Senior Planner, University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Jason Kulaszewski (Clean Energy Coordinator, University at Buffalo Regional Institute)

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1) **Approval of July meeting minutes**
Austin motion to accept; Jim 2nd. Carried.

- 2) **Building Climate Resilience: Stakeholder Input Workshop** (Thurs, Aug 24 @ 10am)
 - a. Community Survey: 135 responses to date
 - b. Completed overview of draft presentation and trial run of scenario planning session
 - c. Discussed feedback
 - i. Consider having yes/no questions to improve interaction
 - ii. Label invasive species examples
 - iii. Pause for questions after walking through adaptation strategies
 - d. Action: Task Force Members -- let Deb know if you aren't able to attend the August 24th meeting from 10-11 at City Hall
 - e. Climate Resiliency Plan Subcommittee: Wednesday, Aug 23 to finalize plans for 8/24 and continue planning for 10/4 Community Workshop

- 3) **Discuss objectives & potential dates for community meeting**
 - a. Objectives and next steps: After Scenario Planning Workshop on August 24th, a draft plan will be developed. The goal of the community meeting is to get final input on the draft plan. After that the plan will be finalized and presented to the Common Council for a vote.
 - b. Timing:
 - i. September 13 – Review draft plan at CSC monthly meeting
 - ii. September 27 – Finalize draft plan at subcommittee meeting
 - iii. October 4th - Public Outreach Meeting
 - iv. Public Comment Period: Oct 4-11
 - v. October 17th - Common Council Workshop
 - vi. October 27 – Climate Resiliency Plan Subcommittee meet @ UB Grow (5-6pm)
 - vii. November 7th - Common Council vote
 - c. Invite community members via contacts we have through those that completed the survey and ask other community groups to promote like Clean Air Coalition, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Sierra Club, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51. Motion by Emily, second by Austin.

Next Meeting: September 13, 5pm @ City Hall.