

Climate Action Steering Committee

Council Caucus, Room 108, City Hall

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

3:00PM



Committee Members in attendance: Sandra Santos-Garcia (Jersey City Housing Authority), Jennifer Fogliano (NJTPA), Mira Prinz-Arey (Councilperson, Ward B), Mikki Shull (Aide to Councilperson Prinz-Arey), Lindsey Sigmund (Jersey City Division of Planning), Allison Cucco (Jersey City Environmental Commission), Florence Baron (Jersey City Economic Development Corporation), Moriah Kinberg (New Jersey Future), Sonia Dublin (Jersey City Department of Public Works), Albert Padilla (Jersey City Public Schools)

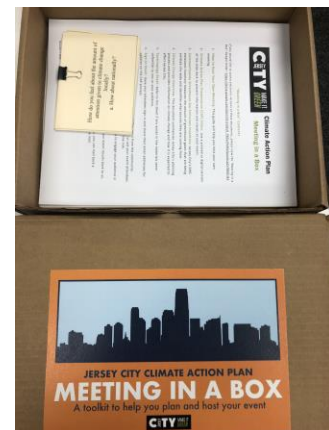
Staff: Kate Lawrence and Carolina Ramos (Jersey City Office of Sustainability)

Climate Action Plan Updates:

- A. Climate Action Plan Public Meeting
- B. First Climate Action Plan Working Groups Meeting

A. Climate Action Plan Public Meeting on November 7, 2019: 38 Attended

1. Presentation to the public overviewing the Climate Action Plan as well the roles of working groups in regards to Energy, Waste, Transportation & Land Use, as well as Equity & Outreach.
2. Introduced a "Meeting in a Box" to help individuals host a meeting to talk about the struggles of climate change and to gather feedback.
3. Conducted public Climate action plan survey and collected a total of **48 Responses**. (Responses are listed down below)



Meeting in a Box

B. First Climate Action Plan Working Groups Meeting: 34 Attended

- Presented on the goals of the Climate Action Plan
- Groups broke out into individual groups:
 - **Energy** 7 Attended
 - **Equity and Outreach** 6 Attended
 - **Waste** 15 Attended
 - **Transportation and Land Use** 9 Attended

The first Working Groups meeting was an introductory meeting, where the groups met each other. The purpose of this meeting was to make sure everyone was on the same page and clear on each group's

goals and priorities. Brainstorming sessions were held to identify potential actions that could reduce emissions in their respective sector as well as barriers to those actions.

Climate Action Plan Timeline:

Meeting 2 (Discuss results of Climate Action Plan Survey / Talk about some of the other climate action plans that are implemented by other cities / Draft results for the equity working group to review)
(December 11)



Equity working group reviews over the drafted changes suggested by the other working groups (Before Meeting 3)



Meeting 3 finalize recommendations for public review (January/TBD)



Host Public Meeting Number Two (February/TBD)



Finalize recommendations for the Steering Committee (TBD)

General Discussion Topics:

- What are a few ways to lower carbon emission in Jersey City?
 - More electric vehicles
 - Use biodegradable items where they seems fit
 - Conduct energy audits for solutions
 - Solar Energy adaptation
 - More density leads to less parking
 - Nuclear Energy
 - Utilizing space

- How do you think climate change will affect the lives of your children and grandchildren?
 - More global conflict and stress
 - More droughts and wildfires
 - Higher Ozone Levels
 - More flooding and severe storms
 - Greater electrification across all technologies