

**AGENDA**  
**NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASKFORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, 5:15 PM**

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 two meetings – because the Taskforce is making decisions regarding spending the funds in the Climate Emergency Taskforce budget (such as supporting I Heart My Home), it is necessary to provide meeting minutes to the City's Procurement Department.
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff
  - a. Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) submitted to CT DEEP.
    - i. OCS and the Department of Parks and Public Works applied for a second all-electric refuse to replace an older model. If awarded DERA funding, the state will cover 45% of the costs of both the replacement vehicle and the charging station required to support it.
  - b. Chevy Bolts purchase.
    - i. The City is in the process of purchasing additional Chevy Bolts to replace gas-powered light duty vehicles.
    - ii. Greater New Haven Clean Cities and Save Energy Coalition estimate that each vehicle purchased will save the City \$1,000 annually. OCS will share the Clean Cities report once it is finalized.
  - c. The OCS proposal to the USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction was selected for funding. The proposal would help Haven's Harvest food rescue, expand school-based composting, provide technical assistance to food-related businesses, and pilot using Big Belly containers for composting at larger downtown apartment buildings. The full proposal is attached.
  - d. I Heart My Home canvassing campaign continues.
    - i. We've been canvassing neighborhoods (with a focus on those with high shares of 2-4 family, owner-occupied homes) a couple evenings (5-7 pm or so) per week. Please let us know if you'd like to join!
  - e. Healthy Homes, Clean Cooktops
    - i. OCS is working with the New Haven Health Department to recruit 6-12 families from the City's Healthy Homes, Lead Abatement, and Triggers Be Gone program to participate in our Healthy Homes, Clean Cooktops campaign.
    - ii. NHHD is confident they can recruit at least 6 families before mid-February, when Yale researchers will begin indoor air quality monitoring.
    - iii. Families will receive a \$100 stipend in addition to their cooktop and cookware set.

- f. Funding the Climate Justice Schools program directly through New Haven Climate Movement (NHCM) for Fiscal year 2023-2024:
    - i. The Taskforce voted to move forward with the proposal on a provisional basis, given that (1) NHCM can provide a more detailed budget (which they have), and (2) Steve can confirm the City procurement process doesn't prove to be an obstacle (which it may be).
      - 1. New Haven Public Schools will continue to pay teachers for their participation. OCS has submitted a request for a contract for NHCM so that they can provide student stipends and purchase supplies.
  - g. Shellfish shell recycling program
    - i. Three restaurants are now participating (Shell and Bones, Cast Irone Chef Oyster Bar & Chop House, and Fair Haven Oyster Company).
    - ii. Four bushels of shells have been donated to Sound School for their Oyster Reef Ball project.
    - iii. OCS is conducting outreach this month with Lewis, our Youth@Work intern, to reach additional restaurants serving shellfish.
  - h. Solar installations
    - i. The City is working with the Solid Waste Authority on an agreement to access the City landfill.
    - ii. The solar array at the landfill would have a capacity of 750 kW.
  - i. Housing Authority decarbonization
    - i. OCS has met with Housing Authority staff to raise the idea of setting a decarbonization goal for the Housing Authority and moving off of fossil fuels during building retrofits and in new construction. The Housing Authority is conducting an inventory of building mechanical systems and determining whether HVAC systems can be moved to heat pumps at their East View Terrance property. OCS and the Housing Authority plan to meet again in February.
3. Discussion Items:
- a. Request for more information on the status of the New Haven Parking Authority bike share request for proposals, if it is available.
  - b. Reminder that the Taskforce has requested that Engineering provide an update on the City's air quality monitoring systems and the development of the air quality dashboard, once they are ready to do so.
  - c. Remaining Climate Emergency Taskforce budget. After funding Climate Justice Schools and the Healthy Homes, Clean Cooktops campaign with New Haven Health Department, there will be roughly \$35,000 remaining in the Taskforce budget. What other priorities should the Taskforce fund this fiscal year (ending June 30<sup>th</sup>)? Here are some ideas:
    - i. One idea that we've mentioned in the past would be to fund other forms of mobility. The state's electric bicycle rebate was exceedingly popular – if the Taskforce were interested, OCS could reach out to CT DEEP to see if we could provide funding for electric bike rebates using the system that CT DEEP has set up.

- ii. Alternatively, the taskforce could potentially support the bikeshare system, if the Taskforce has more information about how it is set up and it is at a point to receive funding before the end of the year.
- iii. Another idea relates to tiny homes/ADUs. The administration recently submitted a proposal to the Board of Alders to enable more properties to host accessory dwelling units (ADUs), including removing the owner occupancy requirement and allowing for new detached ADUs. The Climate Emergency Taskforce could provide a prize for an ADU that is sustainably built, energy efficient, and meets the City's zoning requirements. This design would be open to any member of the public for use in their ADUs.
- iv. Other ideas?

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