

AGENDA April 20, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm

Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse

Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave., Pullman or via Zoom (info below)

Attending: Judy Meuth, Mary DuPree, Daniel Howell, Kathy Dawes, Azdren Coma, Marilyn Von Seggern
Bill Engels, Steve Flint, Mac Cantrell, Simon Smith, Paul Spencer

Introductions

Draft Values Statement: We are committed to creating a consensus for and the action needed to achieve fair, effective, and enduring climate change policies, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan and respectful of diverse points of view. (Contact Mary or Judy with input.)

Announcements

- CCL--P social gatherings: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Register for CCL's June D.C. Nat'l Conference June 10-13 (the 13th is Lobby Day)
- WA State CCL Conference, Sept. 22-23
- Video of the Kenworthy NOVA Climate Across America event sponsored by NWPB, with Judy participating, available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_qOnNIBRA4
- Judy asks that we photo or video Earth Day events and send to her

EARTH DAY Events

- Earth Day CCL Tree Planting, April 22, 10:00am, Pullman City Hall
- Earth Day Campus Clean-up, April 22, 10 am-12:00 pm including bio-char demo., Ruby Park on WSU campus, WSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance, Pullman
- Awards ceremony and artist reception for Civics and the Natural World Art Contest for grades 3-12, April 22, 2:00-4:00pm, Pullman League of Women Voters, Neill Library, Pullman
- WSU Fossil Fuel Divestment March, April 22, 4:00 pm, begins at Ruby Park on WSU campus, WSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance, Pullman
- Earth Day Family Fair, April 22, 4:00-7:00pm, East City Park, Inland North Waste, Moscow (CCL will be tabling). Azdren volunteered to help.

ARBOR DAY Event

- Arbor Day CCL Tree Planting, April 28, 10:00am, Palouse Prairie School, 406 Powers Ave, Moscow

Six Americas Exercise

The group participated in the 6 Americas exercise. The bottom line for the Yale project is that we (and politicians) underestimate what percentage of Americans are alarmed/concerned about climate change and we overestimate the percentage of those who are doubtful and dismissive. How can CCL—P use and share these findings? Simon has a 6 Americas activity which he will use in tabling.

Reimagine your work – Try something new?

- Sign up for CCL text alerts to action <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/text-alerts/> . These replace the monthly calling campaign
- Volunteer to welcome new members—Mac volunteered to take this on
- Volunteer to post on social media, especially Facebook—Marilyn will ask the CCE at WSU for a volunteer to help here.
- Join a team working on
 - Film series
 - Building Efficiency and Electrification

- Forest Health
- Carbon Price and Cash-back
- Tabling
- Write a letter to the editor
- Lobby members of Congress
- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

Film Series

- Film screening and discussion series (Clare and Annette). This is evolving into a possible series of positive, action-oriented films next year, possibly at the Kenworthy and/or the universities. The Sierra Club might participate. Suggestions: get UI faculty at the Confluence Project involved; pursue funding through the Latah County Community Fdn or the Moscow Giving Circle. If students make the request, there could be funding through the student associations at UI and/or WSU.

Carbon Price and Cash-back Team report (Simon)

- We are already paying a carbon tax due to government spending on climate impacts and projected impacts, so we should change the narrative: get away from the current hidden “carbon tax” and use “fee and cashback”).
- The border adjustments other countries are imposing on carbon-intense U.S. products (aluminum, steel, fertilizer and concrete) means legislators want to find a solution. This may or may not include a carbon fee.
- Some Canadian provinces have just started issuing dividends from their carbon tax. We should broadcast this information.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- Carbon Pricing and Cash-back – Simon Smith and Margaret Davis (leads)
- Building Electrification and Efficiency – Mac Cantrell and Mary DuPree (leads)--we are working with the Moscow CAWG on common interests.
- Healthy Forests — Trish Hartzell (lead). Individuals can contribute to purchase trees; remember that CCL—P is not a 501 (c) (3), so donations are not tax deductible.
- Presentations
 - Elem to High School Team – Nancy Nelson, Simon Smith
- Pullman City – Judy Meuth, [Azdren Coma](#)
- Moscow City – Mary DuPree
- Member of Congress liaisons – Mac Cantrell (Crapo), Judy Meuth (McMorris Rodgers)
- Tabling – Simon Smith
- Outreach to rural communities — Bill Voxman
- Publications – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug (print)
Website – Joe Pallen
- Social Media – Margaret Davis

Continuing Individual Actions

- Speak Up – Tell your members of Congress what you want
 - <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/introduce-yourself/>
- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker 3rd Saturday of the month on Community)
- Log actions on CCL’s Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send social media info to Margaret
- Sign up to write an LTE

General Discussion:

- Mary: should we expand our BEET outreach to the counties? Approach county commissioners?

- Daniel: Re. organization that formed to fight the bio-fuels plant in Pullman: how to capture that energy and channel it towards our goals? This may be relevant re. upcoming Pullman City Council elections. Daniel, Judy, Simon, Azdren, and Paul will get together and discuss this.

Next meeting is May 18, 5:30-7 pm, 5:30-7 at 1912 Center, Moscow