

Denver Climate Action Task Force

Meeting Summary 02-06-2020

Key Discussion Points

- The meeting began with Liz Babcock from the Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency giving a presentation (INSERT LINK) that discussed the charge of the Task Force, definitions of sustainability, equity, and mitigation, along with key data on Denver's current trajectory and possible solutions around mitigation, adaptation and resiliency.
- The Task Force was presented with seven potential outcome areas and asked if any were missing. Each Task Force member then voted on which outcome areas they would like to prioritize. The top four areas selected were: Mitigation, Resiliency and Adaptation, Equity, and Sustainability as a norm.
- Task Force members self-selected into one of these for categories to create long-term outcomes. One additional group worked on the overarching goal.

Initial Draft of Overarching Goal and Long-Term Outcomes

The Task Force broke into groups to draft an overarching goal and long-term outcomes for a variety of areas identified in Meeting #1. Task Force members conducted a gallery walk to provide individual feedback to each group. Groups were then asked to review the feedback and make any needed corrections or additions to their drafted goal and outcomes. The following represents the initial draft:

Overarching Goal

Denver's vision for climate change embraces empowering and educating all communities to act on mitigation, resiliency and adaptation, equity, and sustainability as a norm to focus on climate justice, with a priority towards our most vulnerable, eliminating emissions by 2030.

Long-Term Outcomes

Mitigation

Denver leads the nation with:

- A. A carbon free transportation system, and
- B. 100% of homes and buildings powered by renewable energy by 2040

Adaptation and Resiliency

- Resident building infrastructure – better able to withstand extreme weather. ie water (hail, drought, storms)
- Emergency preparedness – residents and first responders are educated, prepared for emergency
- Land use policies support adaptation – drainage, canopy, access to green space
- Denver's transit is supportive of multi-modal, is affordable. (i.e. Don't have to drive to arrive)

Equity

Policy and outcomes determined by a Denver climate action task force will promote and create equity. (Equity is defined as "power is the ability to create, control, and prevent change")

- Job transition opportunities (env.)

- Transportation access.

Sustainability as a Social Norm

What is a social norm? Something you don't think about, you just do it! Its not a struggle, its available universally, there is a system that supports it inflows and outflows.

- Resource recovery: Composting, Recycling, Extended producer responsibility. There is education in schools, businesses and restaurants, and apartment waste services.

Energy: Generation of energy is carbon free, Energy use (conservation & maximizing energy efficiency)[Next Steps](#)

- The overarching goals and outcomes will be revised based on the first round of meetings in a box, what it will take and the timeframe to implement solutions, and additional task force discussion during the 5/5/2020 meeting.
- The 02/20/20 meeting will focus on solutions. The Task Force was asked to review “two pagers” that will be sent on each of the big topic areas to better understand the work currently being done and where gaps still exist.
- The revenue subcommittee will meet on the 13th and report back to the Task Force with any updates at the next meeting.
- The Task Force was updated on the site visits that are currently being designed and decided upon. It is likely that the Task Force will vote for which ones are most interesting at the 02/20 meeting before any final scheduling is done.
- An update was given on the Public Engagement process.
 - Over 50 Meetings In a Box have been planned. Task Force members gave some initial feedback on MIBs that have already been conducted, some of which will be incorporated into round two. The biggest concern was over the second video and has since been changed out with a new video that appears to resonate more with Task Force members. The deadline for MIBs has been extended to 02/23 with all materials due no later than 02/24. If Task Force members have paper copies of the survey to submit after the 02/20 meeting, they should bring them to the Tramway Nonprofit Center located at 3532 Franklin Street the afternoon of 02/24.
 - Affinity Groups are still being determined and will somewhat be based on who is reached with the first round of Meetings In a Box.
 - Public Meetings are in the process of being scheduled based on City Council's recommended locations and availability.