

# Denver Climate Action Task Force

## Meeting 4 Summary 02-20-2020

### Key Discussion Points

- **Urgency for Climate Action:** The City of Denver recognized the urgency of the climate crisis and why we are here.
  - We developed the 80 x 50 Plan July 2018.
  - The IPCC report came out shortly thereafter, which state that globally we're not on track to keep the temperature under a 2-degree rise.
  - We're here today to recognize that this is an urgent crisis.
  - We are working to the May target to accelerate the city's work and to come to an agreement around resources and revenue to support this work.
- **Solutions Learning and Brainstorm:** The task force along with City staff and the audience attendees learned about and brainstormed solutions and supports for the following topics:
  1. Denver emissions
  2. Buildings & homes
  3. Transportation
  4. Electricity Supply
  5. Resiliency & adaptation
  6. Public health
  7. Green infrastructure
  8. Consumption & waste

The summary sheets of these brainstorming sessions will be available in the google drive and the Task Force will be notified when they are ready.

- **Site Visits:** The Task Force Reviewed the Site Visits, which will include the following and should be on a Thursday when the task force is not meeting:
  1. **Sun Valley and the West Side:** Sun Valley is an energy burdened community that also experiences high rates of asthma. Other communities will include Valverde, Westwood, and Athmar Park. The Latinx and Immigrant communities will be tapped and there will be a tour of the eco district work, including DHA housing, flood facilities, and engaging youth.
  2. **Elyria Swansea and Northeast Side:** These communities have a high-income burden and air quality issues along with historical Environmental Justice issues related to industry and the impact on soils. There has been some energy improvement work there. A tour of Growhaus and perhaps the Stock Show complex.
  3. **Business, Labor, and Entrepreneurship:** This event will give us the opportunity to hear from business, labor and entrepreneurial representatives.
- **Revenue Subcommittee:** The Revenue subcommittee will have their first meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some additional people representing entities that could be affected by a new tax or fee were included. The Revenue subcommittee reports to the Task Force and their charge is to identify all the possible ways to raise money and evaluate these options using objective criteria and report this to the Task Force. They will not be voting on solutions. The committee will meet over six meetings and provide a draft list of criteria for the task force to review.