



**MINUTES**  
**OXFORD CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE REGULAR**  
**MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING: 15 S. COLLEGE AVE. OXFORD OH 45056**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 AT 8:30 AM**

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**Approval of Agenda**

Members present: Mark Boardman, Jason Bracken, Peggy Branstrator, David Gorchov, Venus Harvey, Olivia Herron, David Prytherch, Sandra Woy-Hazleton City Manager Designee: Reena Murphy

**Approval of Agenda**

David G. moved approval, David P. seconded, all voted in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. May 18th, 2023

David G. moved approval, Jason B. seconded, all voted in favor.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Updates from members

The committee welcomed new member Venus Harvey, a community-member appointee who is also a Miami University student.

Committee members provided updates. David P. shared that the City will be undertaking a rewriting of Oxford planning/zoning/subdivision codes in 2024 to not only update our land-use regulations but also advance goals related to climate, housing, etc. Peggy updated the group on progress on the pollinator garden and prairie at the Community Park, as well as conversations in the Environmental Commission about a citizen climate pledge form. Olivia updated the group on Miami's progress in drafting a climate action plan (mitigation + resilience) towards an

anticipated Board of Trustees approval in spring 2024, as well as a Department of Energy student competition to evaluate the conceptual feasibility of community-scale geothermal in Oxford.

## 2. Approval of the Climate Action Plan text

The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the final text of the City of Oxford Climate Action Plan – integrating the mitigation plan and resilience plan – and suggesting minor edits.

Once that review was complete, David G. moved that the Climate Action Steering Committee recommend approval of the final version of *Towards a Sustainable, Resilient Future: A Climate Action Plan for Oxford, Ohio* to Council and the City Manager for adoption by the City of Oxford in conformance with its commitment to neutrality and resilience under the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. Sandi seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. None opposed. The motion was approved. The final plan will be formatted with the recommended edits, which will be provided to committee members for individual review, and it is anticipated the plan will be presented to Council for possible adoption in a September meeting. David P. thanked the Committee for providing invaluable service to the City of Oxford community in crafting a high-quality Climate Action Plan at no cost to taxpayers.

## 3. Discussion on Electrification Efforts:

- Policy Development
- Public Engagement

The committee discussed hosting an electrification fair with vendors and education about the new tax incentives under the Inflation Reduction Act. Further planning will be discussed in the August meeting.

## **Adjournment**

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David G.. moved to adjourn, Peggy seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

### **Next Meeting:**

August 17, 2023 8:30 am