

March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Barbara Menne, Sue Lepore, Elly Claus-McGahan, Linda Cohan, Michael Humkey, Nancy Atwood, Chuck Jensen.

This meeting was a field trip to the Tacoma Tool Library

Many thanks to **Sharayah Kinney** who gave us a great tour!

The [Tacoma Tool Library](#) is on the 2nd floor of **Tacoma Public Main Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave S Ste 201**. A 501-3c nonprofit with grants from the Dept. of Ecology, it has 4 employees but is mainly run by their 50 volunteers (including our member **Barbara Menne**!)

Anyone with an ID can borrow up to 10 tools for up to 2 weeks. The collection includes every kind of tool except for gas-powered ones. The broader goal is not just to save people a lot of money, but to support sustainability by helping people reduce their consumerism, throwaway attitudes, and trash in the landfill.

Another goal is to provide a “community hub” space for classes and activities. The tool library teaches classes on sewing and repair, “Make It Sew” on Tuesdays, and “Fix It Night” on Thursdays. Check the [Tacoma Tool Library website](#) to get the full schedule and their guidelines for donations and volunteering. This is a gem of a non-profit benefitting many people. We should spread the word and support it!

Three other nonprofits in this wing of the Main Library are mostly geared for kids: the [Remakery](#), (crafts—“using what we have to make what we love”), [Write253](#) (“read.write.speak” writing/printmaking for teens), and [Toolbox Laboratories](#), (professional workshop/woodshop for all ages). Together all four make up a vibrant community space.

Brief Business Meeting

The **Greater PNW CCL Regional Conference, “Cultivating Climate Champions,”** took place in **Vancouver WA on Feb.22-3**. A group from our chapter, **Chuck Jensen, Barbara Menne, Michael Humkey, Allan Maas, and Peggy LovellFord**, attended on **Feb. 22**. **Barbara** was also a member of the electrification panel.

Tabling—we have come up with a good craft idea for kids, a folded paper “zine” with a clean energy theme, to use at the [Earth Day Celebration](#) on **April 12** at **Meridian Habitat Park in Puyallup** from **11-2**. A sign-up sheet was passed around to volunteer for a shift staffing our booth there and also at the **April 26** [South Sound Sustainability Fair](#) on the **UW-T campus Prairie Line Trail** from **10-3**. Contact [Linda Cohan](#).

State legislature—several prioritized bills such as **HB1150 Recycling Reform**, **HB1670 Sewage Spill Right-to-Know**, **HB1483 Right to Repair electronics**, and **HB 1409 Clean Fuel Standard** are

currently still viable. Let's keep up the support and help get them over the finish line by April 27! (If you haven't tried online advocacy yet, you can use this simple [guideline](#) on our website!)

Coming up in April:

April 1-- a meeting is scheduled in Gig Harbor with **Alexa Brenner**, county staff for **Representative Emily Randall**. (**Rep. Randall** replaced **Derek Kilmer**, with whom CCL worked closely for many years). It is hoped that a similar productive relationship can grow with her. This meeting is an opportunity to get acquainted with a staffmember and offer her support and resources for climate advocacy in **Congress**.

[Engage Pierce County](#) is starting [a Climate Stories Community Archive](#), "sharing your experiences with climate change impacts through visual, artistic, or spoken-word mediums" to be held April 1, 5, and 9 at various public library branches and times (see link above, and take their survey while you're there). The meetings are sorted by age group, all age/teens/seniors, with a celebration event May 10 in the Main Branch's Olympic Room from 11-2. This project is backed by the **City of Tacoma Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability** and the **Tacoma Public Library**. A great chance to practice our goal of "talking about climate change" with others, so let's participate and support this endeavor!

April 15-- a community input workshop hosted by the **Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 5:30-7:30, Clover Park Technical College**. They'd like our participation and help in promotion: "The **PSCAA** is creating a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, which will guide regional efforts to significantly reduce climate pollution. We are hosting four family-friendly community workshops for residents of King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties to share their concerns and experiences with climate and air pollution. Community input will help inform how actions that reduce climate pollution within our neighborhoods can best be designed and implemented. We are asking you to please spread the word about these workshops--share the information and **promotional materials** [linked here](#)."

The [County Sustainability Plan 2030](#) and the [Climate Action Plan Tacoma](#) are both due for updates-- go to their websites and click the "Give us your Feedback" button.

The [Washington Climate Partnership](#) is hosting a series of "Virtual Roadshow" meetings to request public input on a new **WA Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**, discussing specific actions the state can take to meet its long-term climate goals. They go by sector—"Natural and Working Lands" (March 31, 3-5pm), "Transportation" (April 3, 1-3 pm), "Agriculture" (April 7, 10-12), and "Industry" (April 7, 1-3 pm). [Register](#).

Interesting speakers in town soon:

[Dan Galpern](#)—Environmental and climate attorney and policy analyst, long-time legal and policy advisor to **James E. Hansen**. "Our Endangered Climate and the Rule of Law," lecture at the **University of Puget Sound, April 3 at 12:30**, Thompson Hall, **AND** speaking at a **Tacoma Green**

Drinks special event, “The Whole World is Watching”, April 3 at 6-8, Parkway Tavern 313 N. I St.

Naomi Klein – Canadian author, social activist, filmmaker and professor of climate justice at University of British Columbia, speaking about her latest book **Doppelganger**, on April 15 at 6pm, UW Tacoma, William W. Phillip Hall. [Registration required.](#)