

CCL Tacoma Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2021

6:15 – Welcome, chat time

6:30 – Attendance: Elly Claus-McGahan, Virginia Lohr, Chuck Jensen, Barbara Menne, Linda Cohan, John Doherty, Sue and Ray Lepore, Nancy Atwood, Mary Forman, Henry Bader, Aja Irons, Pete Weymiller, Fred Ramey, Alexandra Cole, Jason Berkowitz

6:45 – Action Team Reports:

Membership: Sue and Ray are calling to encourage new members to become involved and ask everyone to add a word to the Earth Day word cloud for the website.

Lobbying: Several CCL-T members met with Kilmer, Murray, and Strickland at separate meetings. Pierce Sustainability Plan passed Pierce County Council, which was a hard-earned success. Testimonials are needed for the Pierce County Regional Council meeting on May 20.

Education: James Morgese's YouTube videos are posted on the homepage under New Video Program. John Doherty's course at Tacoma Community College is starting April 17.

Tabling: Linda reported that we hope to start tabling again soon at local Farmers' Markets. In June, we hope to table at Foss Water Way, and on September 11 is the Electric Vehicle Show.

Research: Barbara is doing a meteorologist outreach and hoping to demonstrate En-ROADS with Elly in the future.

Social Media: Ginny is looking for more volunteers to expand FaceBook.

Book Group: Meeting via Zoom April 7 at noon. We are reading a group of articles. Contact Sue for more information.

7:15 – Mike Kelly (liaison with Derek Kilmer) spoke about "CCL Messaging in the Biden Administration"

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- Convince Congress that carbon pricing is popular
- Yellen “Can’t solve climate crisis without carbon pricing”
- Include carbon pricing in whatever “Build Back Better” legislation is passed
- Focus on regular order approach rather than reconciliation because regular order is more bipartisan.
- Deutch will reintroduce Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, but he wants a Republican to join him
- There is a new bill being introduced in the Senate by Durbin that is very similar to EICDA, the “America’s Clean Future Fund Act.”

7:30 – Featured Speaker – Marty Gibbons, issue chair on state climate and energy legislation with the League of Women Voters. There are weekly updates on LWV website on current legislation that the League supports.

- He demonstrated using the Senate Remote Testimony page and signing PRO on legislation you want to pass. (A link can be found on the CCL-T website home page)
- LWV supports carbon taxing but doesn’t favor EICDA over cap and trade
- He went over current climate bills in session and reviewed their progress, such as HB 1280: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction, SB 5126: Cap and Trade, HB 1050: Reducing Hydrofluorocarbons, SB 5141: HEAL Act Environmental Justice, HB 1091: the Clean Fuel Standards Act (the focus of our speaker Ben Jones in a past meeting). They are passing but with narrow party-line votes, so further support is needed.

8:30 – Breakout Sessions: participants could choose from four breakout rooms to discuss or ask questions, then leave meeting as desired.