

01-22-2020 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #14: Receive an Update on the Climate Action and Response Plan

Council Question:

Could the results of the emissions inventories be shared?

Staff Response:

Yes. We will share more information about this as part of our presentation on Wednesday.

Council Question:

What is the data from engagement so far (in terms of numbers of people, demographics, etc.)?

Staff Response:

We have recently completed the engagement strategy and plan to move forward after checking in with Council on Wednesday. More details will be shared at the meeting.

Council Question:

How has the youth been engaged? What has been their feedback?

Staff Response:

We have developed an engagement strategy that is intentional about getting input from our youth. This includes connections with the schools and the Youth Council, for example.

Council Question:

How racially and income-diverse have participants been in community engagement?

Staff Response:

Racial and economic diversity are goals for community engagement. If the Council is interested in seeing results broken out by these demographics, we can request this information as part of our anonymous surveys.

Council Question:

Which boards and commissions have been or will be engaged?

Staff Response:

We plan to meet with the following Boards and Commissions in February and March. We are interested in the Council's feedback on any changes that staff might make to this list.

Community Design Commission

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Cultural Arts Commission

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board

Historic District Commission

Housing Advisory Board

Human Services Advisory Board

Justice in Action Committee

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Planning Commission

Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership

Council Question:

Climate adaptation strategies – which I have interpreted to mean building resiliency in the face of impacts of climate change – are mentioned on page 149, but the rest of the material does not seem to mention this at all. Neither the engagement questions nor the work steps touch on it. Can we get some detail as to how these aspects of the plan will be addressed?

Staff Response:

Yes, we will share more about how resilience will be included in the project as part of the presentation.