

# 10/12/19 CCL Monthly Meeting at Base Camp Brewery

## Introductions

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About 35 people attending – indoor *and* outdoors today ☺. Many first-time attendees (11).

- Drew Alcoser describes the upcoming Northwest Regional Conference in Vancouver (Feb 29 – March 1). Soliciting volunteers for:
  - fundraising (for scholarships)
  - planning – click on [link](#) for volunteer opportunities
- KB described upcoming meetings with 2 Portland City Commissioners (Choe Eudaly and Jo Ann Hardesty) who did *\*not\** previously agree to sign a letter supporting HR 763
- Meera describes upcoming November Lobby Day in DC – signup sheet is circulating.
- Upcoming tabling events – we have a couple scheduled over the next month. Signup sheet is being circulated. Francine describes reasons for tabling:
  - Get the word out to people
  - Give them an opportunity to do something about this
  - Collect constituent letters to deliver to MoCs
- Tabling events are:
  - Monday, 10/14 – “[Electrify Everything](#)”
  - [UN Day](#) at Patagonia (10/25)
  - [UN Day](#) at First Unitarian Church (10/27)
  - “[Fix-it Fair](#)” at Parkrose High School (11/23)
- Contact [Francine](#) if you would like to table at these events and/or have ideas for events that would be good for tabling
- Pairing new with old members – a signup sheet was circulated if interested in either
- “Ask an Expert” night – Thursday, 10/24. Informal discussion at a bar in SE called “[Dig a Pony](#)”. New and seasoned member encouraged to attend!
- Art Action Team kickoff: Craft, Brainstorm and Pizza night on Monday, 10/21 @ Atlas Pizza, 6529 SE Foster Rd. All welcome! (Craft supplies will be provided by [Collage](#))

## National Call –

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**Alex Posner & Kiera O’Brien** – *Students for Carbon Dividends*

- How did they start? Powerful scientific evidence was compelling. Yet the student groups involved in this issue were focused on disinvestment in fossil fuel companies. The Republican-leaning students favored a different approach.
- Climate change is *\*not\** a partisan divider in younger generations – both left & right agree that something must be done.
- The student coalition was met with *\*excellent\** reviews nationwide, left & right.

### **Mark's first question:**

- Q: "How would you advise liberals to reach out to Republican students?"
  - A1: The importance of 'retail messaging' – no single approach appeals to everyone. Pitch the message to the audience
  - A2: The value of 'trusted messengers' – have liberals reach out to liberals, conservatives to Republican audiences.
  - A3: Lead with values, *not* policy details. Why are we doing this? For Alex, the long tradition of Republican leadership on historic environmental legislation. And Republicans need to have a seat at the table
  - A4: Focus on the human consequences of climate change, less so on the environmental consequences. Don't pitch it as "sacrificing humans for polar bears". He pitches it as "we're asking you to be selfish – this is about protecting human societies."
  - A5: Critical to meet students \*where they are\* - engagement on climate should align with their personal self-interest.

### **Mark's second question:**

- Q: How did Kiera get involved? What about growing up in Alaska motivated her?
  - A: Ketchikan is surrounded by the largest intact temperate rain forest in North America. This led her always to environmental sympathies
- Q: How does she get her conservative message to liberal student audiences?
  - A: Demonstrate affinity for liberal points of view. Many are skeptical of Republican points of view.

### **Audience questions:**

- Q: Where does Students for Carbon Dividends go from here?
  - A: She's bullish on their future.
- Q: How does she address questions from the left who oppose carbon dividends and favor instead climate justice?
  - A: carbon dividends are one tool in the toolbox – and the most effective at reducing carbon. It is not counter to addressing climate justice.
- Q: Does the Economist's Statement jell with student audiences?
  - A: Very well received: 3500 economists, the largest such statement ever by American economists, is heard very clearly.
- Q: Please discuss the interplay between HR 763, & separate proposals (e.g., from the CLC bill)
  - A: As long as we all do our part, to get out the main message that carbon dividends are the way forward, they don't distinguish largely between alternative proposals.

## **Mark's Additional Points**

- 50,000 new CCL members since the beginning of the year
- 48 of 50 states have .... (your correspondent missed this!)
- 53 municipal resolutions (representing 14 million residents) endorsing HR763
- Pace of LTEs & Op-Eds is close to matching last year's record pace
- Another bi-partisan bill was proposed in the House last month, (didn't get the name)
- There is a bipartisan climate solutions caucus in the senate. More to come on this one...

Mark reads from an event in Wisconsin this week. A signer of the 'Economists Statement' led a group of fellow economists, all co-signers, led an in-district meeting with their MoC.

## **National Actions This Month**

- If you can't get to DC in November, national call-in & tweet on November 12<sup>th</sup>, lobby day.
- We're changing the name of "Congressional Education Day" to "Lobby Day" because – we have a real bill! Mark is getting positive messages from CCL's Washington, DC office that there is much support for the bill.
- 185 meetings scheduled in DC in November.
- Analyzing June meetings: 20% of MoCs said they'd like to make the statement "Climate change is a bridge issue, not a wedge issue". This is CCL's strike zone.

## **Celebrating Local Actions**

- KB discusses status of follow-up actions to Oregon House Bill HB 2020. Gathering signatures for three ballot initiatives.
- Bernard tabled on the Friday "Climate Strike" day, & helped 117 people sign support letters for HR 763.
- Bernard got Thunder Island Brewery to endorse HR 763.
- Bernard describes "[ecosia](#)", a climate-friendly search engine for your PC.
- Drew joins social media conversations, steering people to HR 763 as a genuine climate solution.
- Christine got an LTE published this week in the Hillsboro Tribune
- Meera bought an electric car!
- Eric continues trying to reach out to local Rotary clubs
- Owen met with local climate scientist groups
- Brian had a face-to-face with Blumenauer – Earl encouraged CCL to do more outreach to environmental justice groups. Brian also met with two separate groups.
- Sam's kindergarten group made a resolution telling grownups to fix climate change

- Dan met with folks expert on HB2020 – suggested the article found in “The Nation” called ‘Behind Oregon’s GOP Walkout is a Sordid Story of Corporate Cash’ to find out what \*really\* happened.
- Several of us went on Wine Tour; we were invited by one winery to participate in an event in the spring
- Chris, Francine and Jim met with State Senator Rob Nosse, who indicated he would endorse the bill.
- Deidre participated in panel at the 9/21 Climate Action for Peace event
- Some other actions! Your correspondent missed ‘em.

## **Communication Exercise – Laser Talk on Dividend Delivery**

See page 2 of the [agenda](#)

## **Local Actions to Support National Actions**

See page 3-4 of the [agenda](#)

- National call-in on 6 November – scripts are available that \*anyone\* can use. Super simple! (see page 3 on [agenda](#))

## **Breakout Sessions**

1. Youth chapter
2. City Hall meetings
3. Art Action Team brainstorm
4. New members
5. Prepare to call Congress Day (November 6)

## **Announcements**

- Lorna announced that the [IMF endorsed carbon fee and dividend](#)