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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
APRIL 24, 2023
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays – via Zoom

COUNCIL PRESENT: Rod Runyon, Dan Richardson
Via Zoom: Scott Randall, Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Airport Manager Jeff Renard, Associate Planner Kaitlyn Cook

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. Runyon, Richardson present in person; Long, McGlothlin, Randall via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor Richardson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Richardson invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Runyon to approve the agenda as submitted. The

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motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, Runyon, McGlothlin, Long, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Climate Change Committee Presentation

Debi Ferrer and Lisa Gambee, Climate Change Committee Members presented a PowerPoint Presentation (attached).

They said the document was designed as a living document for continued review and use.

Council thanked the Committee the work put into the document. They said they appreciated the links with funding options.

Councilor Richardson, also Chair of the Climate Resiliency Committee, thanked the whole committee. He said it was a diverse group. He said they were proud of the document and hoped Council would adopt the report and direct staff to identify action.

It was move by Long and seconded by McGlothlin to table action on the report until May 8, 2023. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson, Runyon in favor; none opposed.

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce Tourism Year end Update

Lisa Farquharson, CEO/President The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce reviewed the report that was part of the agenda packet.

Farquharson thanked City Staff for all the work done in preparation for the Cherry Festival; cleaning up the 1st Street parking lot and placing all the road closed and parade signs. She said the town looked great.

She touched on:

- **Lodging:** following national trends; predicted to exceed the 2019 and 2022 numbers.
- **Fam Tours:** goal is at least one tour per quarter; creating the relationship provides discounts on advertising and articles in publications. Multiple Regional Bass tournaments are being booked in The Dalles due to Wild Bass being televised.
- **Datafy:** Continue training to full utilization. 5 week campaign using digital outlets determined by Datafy; will create a dashboard including: impressions, engagement, and clicks with demographics of each user.
- **New Markets:** Cherry Festival trial with Spotify and AudioGo. Results will help to determine how to help other local events.
- **Website:** Explore The Dalles site constantly being updated; videos, itineraries.
- **Tourism Event Grants:** (funded through the TRT funds) 17 event grant awarded -

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- \$29,500 directly invested back into community.
- **Token Wall:** still very active and visitors love it.

Future:

- RFP for Video Story Telling and new commercial for The Dalles to begin in June and continue through the next fiscal year.
- Grant for Systemic support with diversity, equity, and inclusion training opportunities, translation, messaging and communications with focus on local Latinx business community.

Farquharson reviewed the proposed budget for FY 23-24:

FY 22-23 – total budget \$426,702

FY 23-22 – total budget \$439,630

Increase of 4% on six items not every item.

National Inflation – 8.7%

Oregon Inflation – 5%

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

“Darcy” from The Dalles, Oregon said it was her believe that the decisions made by City Council were hurting the community. She said the saying “If you build it they will come” applies to the things being done for the homeless in The Dalles. She said people are being taught they are intitled without working for anything.

She said the current District Attorney (DA) gave a report to the Council at their last meeting. She said the DA didn’t address the rising crime rate in The Dalles, or how many cases are going to trial. Police officer moral is at an all-time low, causing officers to leave the force due to lack of prosecution.

She asked Council to make an abrupt about face on these projects. Saying no one wants to have another Portland or Seattle.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported:

- Met with Library Board, productive and spirited meeting, resulting in path to move forward
- The City of The Dalles has a number of openings:
 - Facilities Manager,
 - Economic Development Officer,

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- Police Officer,
 - Construction/Development Inspector,
 - Seasonal Utility Worker, and
 - Senior Planner
- He said the Executive Assistant position had been filled.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Joint Ad Hoc Climate Resiliency Committee
- Citizen Group regarding proposed high school bond
- Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board
- Began reviewing City of The Dalles FY 23-24 Proposed Budget
- Staff Conversations
- Cherry Festival Parade – largest in years

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Columbia Gorge Veterans Museum reopening for season

Councilor Randall reported:

- Attending League of Oregon Cities Conference in Seaside
- Joint Ad Hoc Climate Resiliency Committee
- Met with Mayor and Councilor Long
- Attended KODL Coffee Break with Mayor

Councilor Long reported:

- Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board – finalized incentive program
- Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Budget meeting
- Downtown core up and running with visual improvements
- Meeting with Mayor and Councilor Randall
- Meeting with City Attorney
- Attending League of Oregon Cities Conference in Seaside

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Attending League of Oregon Cities Conference in Seaside
- Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board
- Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board
- Cherry Festival – Mayor for the Day – judged Parade entries

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Randall to approve the Consent Agenda as

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presented. The motion carried 5 to 0, McGlothlin, Randall, Long, Richardson, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: The minutes of the April 10, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting; Surplus Public Works vehicles and equipment; Resolution No. 23-012 Concurring with Mayor's Reappointment of Cody Cornett to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Mays retired from the meeting.

Council President Tim McGlothlin presided for rest of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Attorney Jonathan Kara read the process for the Public Hearing.

Consent Annexation ANX#83-23 – Toole 1304 West 13th Street

Associate Planner Kaitlyn Cook reviewed the staff report.

Kara called for testimony, hearing none he closed the Public Hearing.

President McGlothlin asked for questions from Council.

Runyon said it was a win-win.

Long thanked Associate Planner Cook for the detailed step by step process.

President McGlothlin asked if any Councilor wanted the Ordinance read in full. No one did.

He asked City Clerk Grossman to read by title only.

Special Ordinance No. 23-598 Annexing Certain Additional Property Located in the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of The Dalles Pursuant to ORS 222.125 (Consent Annexation: ANX# 23-Toole)

It was moved by Long and seconded by Richardson to approve Special Ordinance No. 23-598 Annexing Certain Additional Property Located in the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of The Dalles Pursuant to ORS 222.125 (Consent Annexation: ANX# 23-Toole) by title only. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, Richardson, Runyon, McGlothlin, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

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ACTION ITEMS

Special Ordinance No. 23-597 Accepting Real Property Between East 1st Street and East 2nd Street for Public Purpose

City Attorney Kara reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to approve Special Ordinance No. 23-597 Accepting Real Property Between East 1st Street and East 2nd Street for Public Purpose by title only. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, Long, Runyon, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Hangar Lease with Shearer

Airport Manager Jeff Renard reviewed the staff report.

McGlothlin asked if Shearer's ok with the rate increase.

Renard said they were aware. He said no one likes a rate increase, but they we ok with it.

Kara asked if the Lease had gone before the Airport Board. Renard said it had, and was recommended to come before City Council and Klickitat County Commission. He said it was on Klickitat County Commission agenda for Tuesday.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Randall to approve the Hangar Lease with Shearer Sprayers contingent on approval by Klickitat County. The motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, Randall, Runyon, Long, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

Runyon wanted to remind everyone of the Community Clean Up on May 6th. He said it was an annual event.

He also said the Pioneer Potluck put on by the Pioneer Associate would be happening again this year.

McGlothlin said he had participated in every Cherry Festival in some way. He said this year was well done. He thanked the Chamber for all work that goes into the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President McGlothlin asked City Attorney Kara to read the Executive Session notice. In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to consult with those designated to conduct real estate transactions.

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President McGlothlin recessed Open Session at 7:11 p.m.

President McGlothlin reconvene Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

City Manager Klebes summarized the lease with American Cruise Lines (ACL):

- 5 year lease with two 10 year renewals
- ACL honors existing dockings for the 2023 and 2024 seasons
- American Empress would be granted 4 dockings per month of up to 24 hours in duration, in future seasons
- Lease amount \$65,000 annually

He said ACL anticipates returning 60 dockings to the 2023 season.

He said he had worked with the City Clerk, who had a long term relationship with the ship, the City Attorney, and the City's Insurance agent.

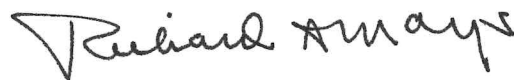
It was moved by Runyon, and seconded by Randall to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Lease/License Agreement with American Cruise Lines for dock use as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0: Runyon, Randall, Long, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

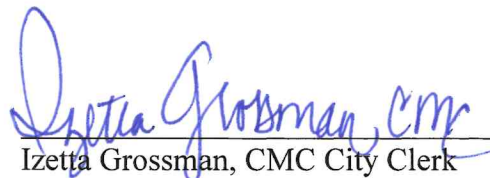
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Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

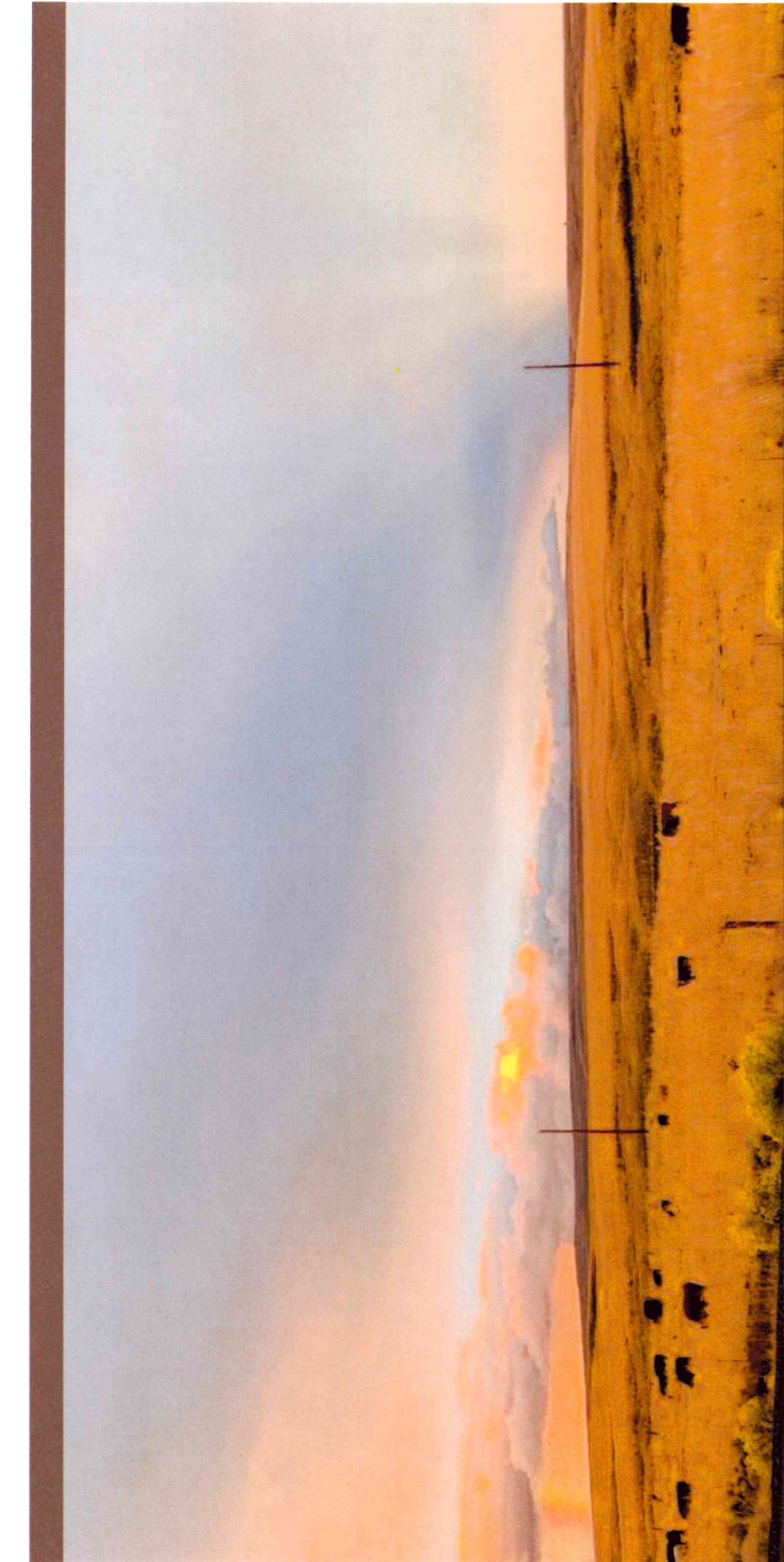
SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk



Developing Climate Resilience in Wasco County

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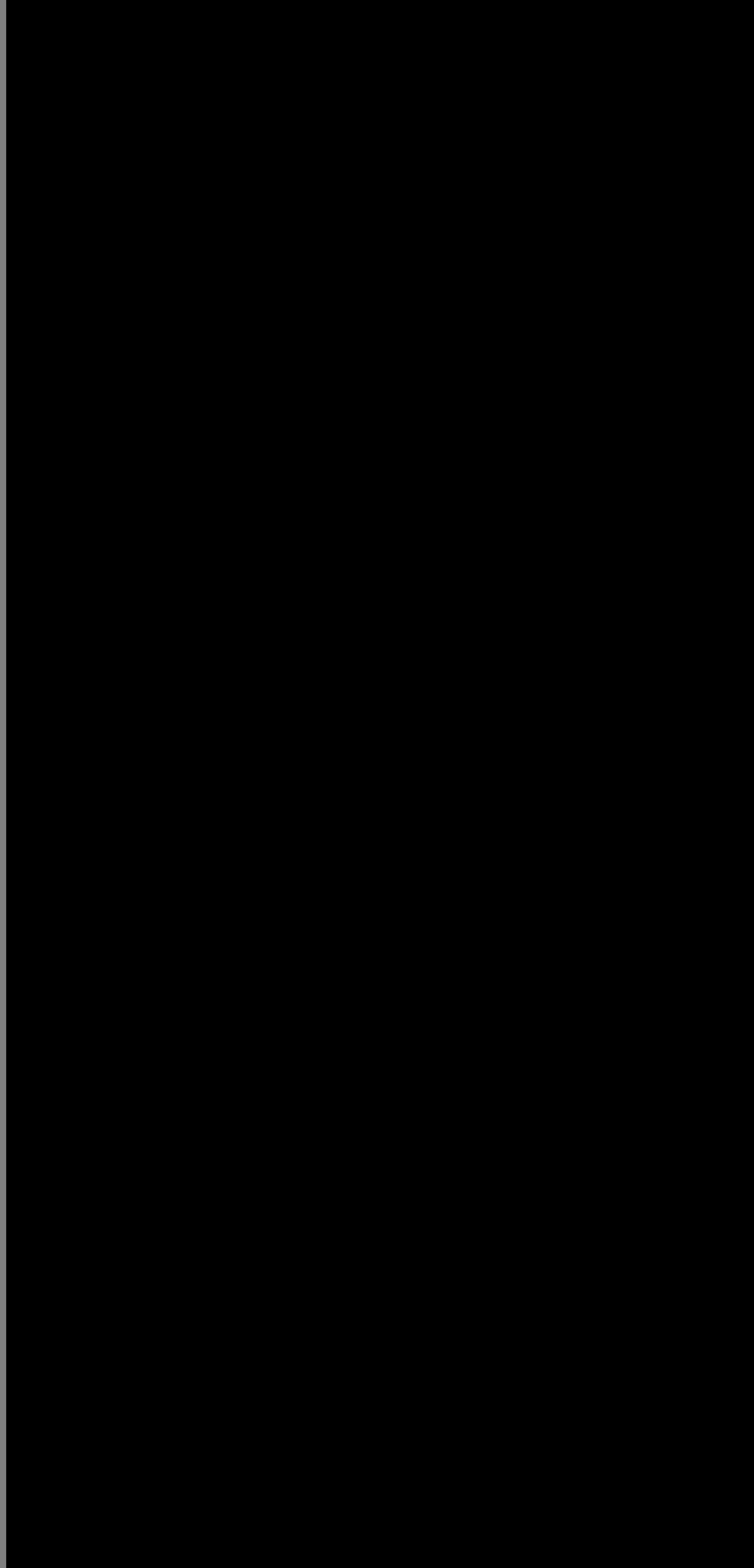
The Dalles - Wasco County Joint Ad Hoc Climate Resiliency Committee

Necessity

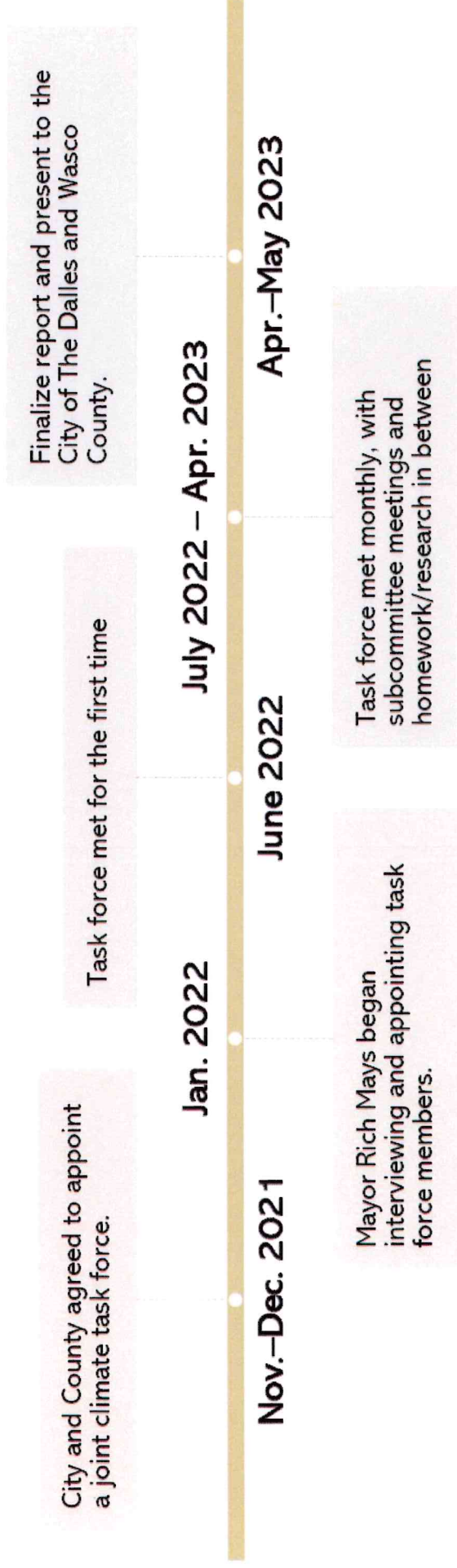


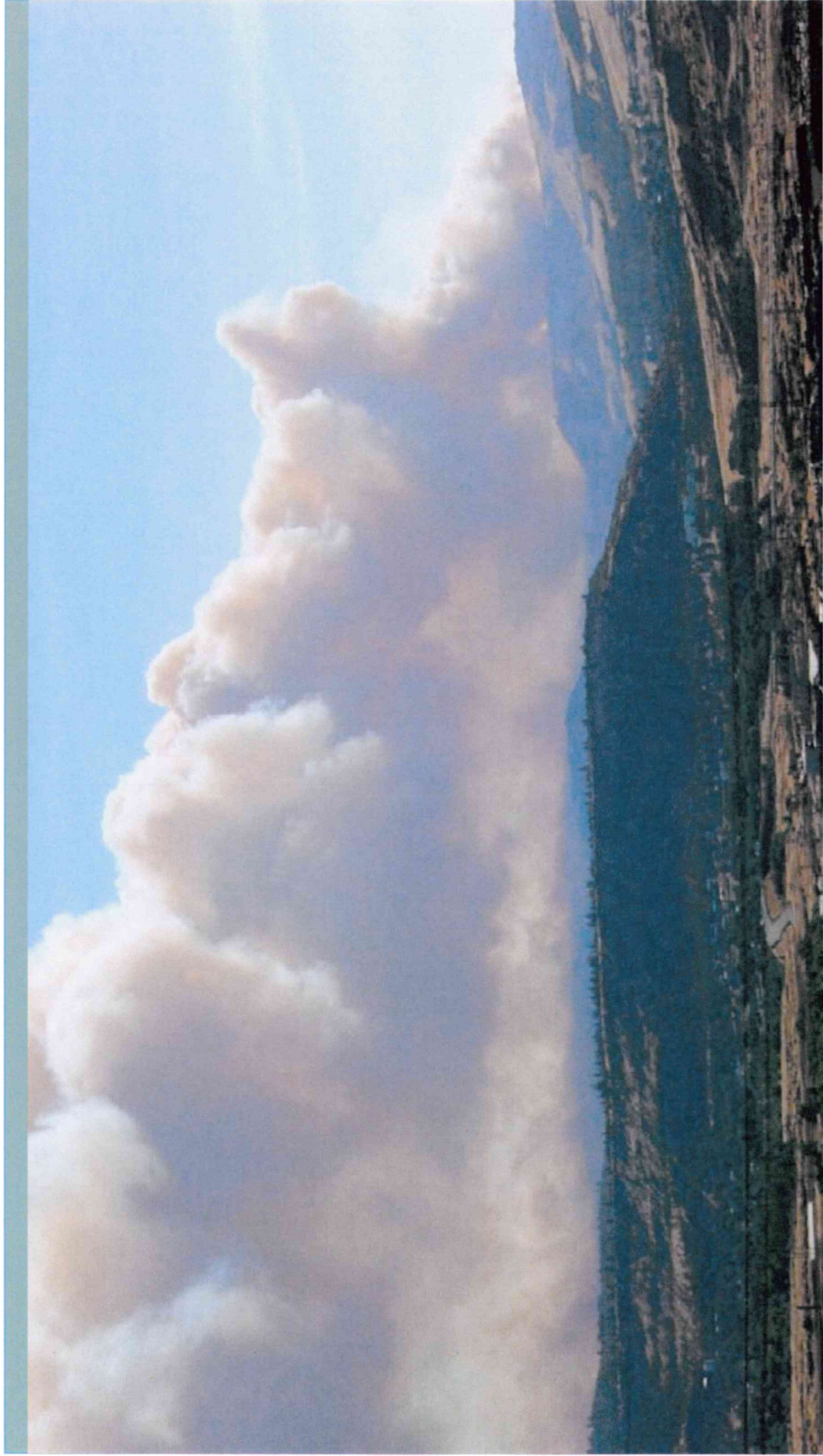
**Our community is already experiencing
the effects of climate change.**

Opportunity



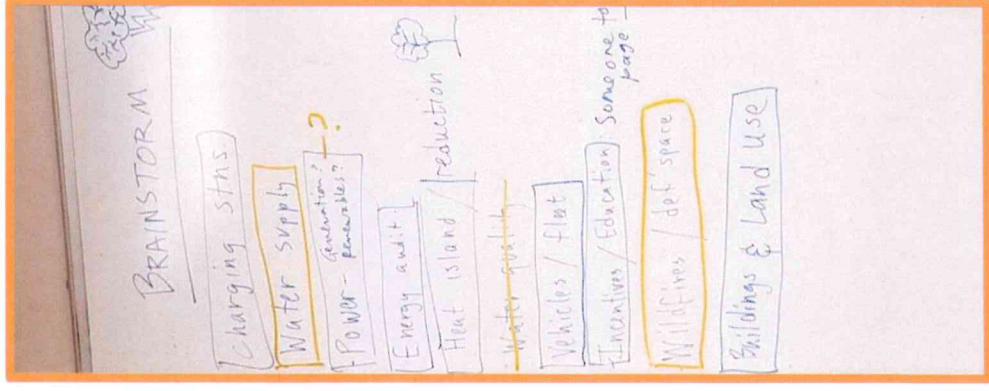
Committee History





The Mission of the Climate Resiliency Committee is to address the increasing impacts of climate change; we will recommend local, affordable, and achievable actions and strategies to the City of The Dalles and Wasco County.

The Process



- We researched what is already happening in our community.
- We researched what other communities have done.
- We drafted an extensive list of possible actions.
- We researched funding opportunities.

Then we compiled it into the
Recommendations For Action.



THE PROBLEM:

Greenhouse gas emissions have far-reaching environmental and human health impacts.

Greenhouse gas emissions



We value efficient use of energy

- ❑ Conduct energy audits of City/County facilities
- ❑ Explore a local incentive fund for residential/commercial solar installations and electrification

Greenhouse gas emissions

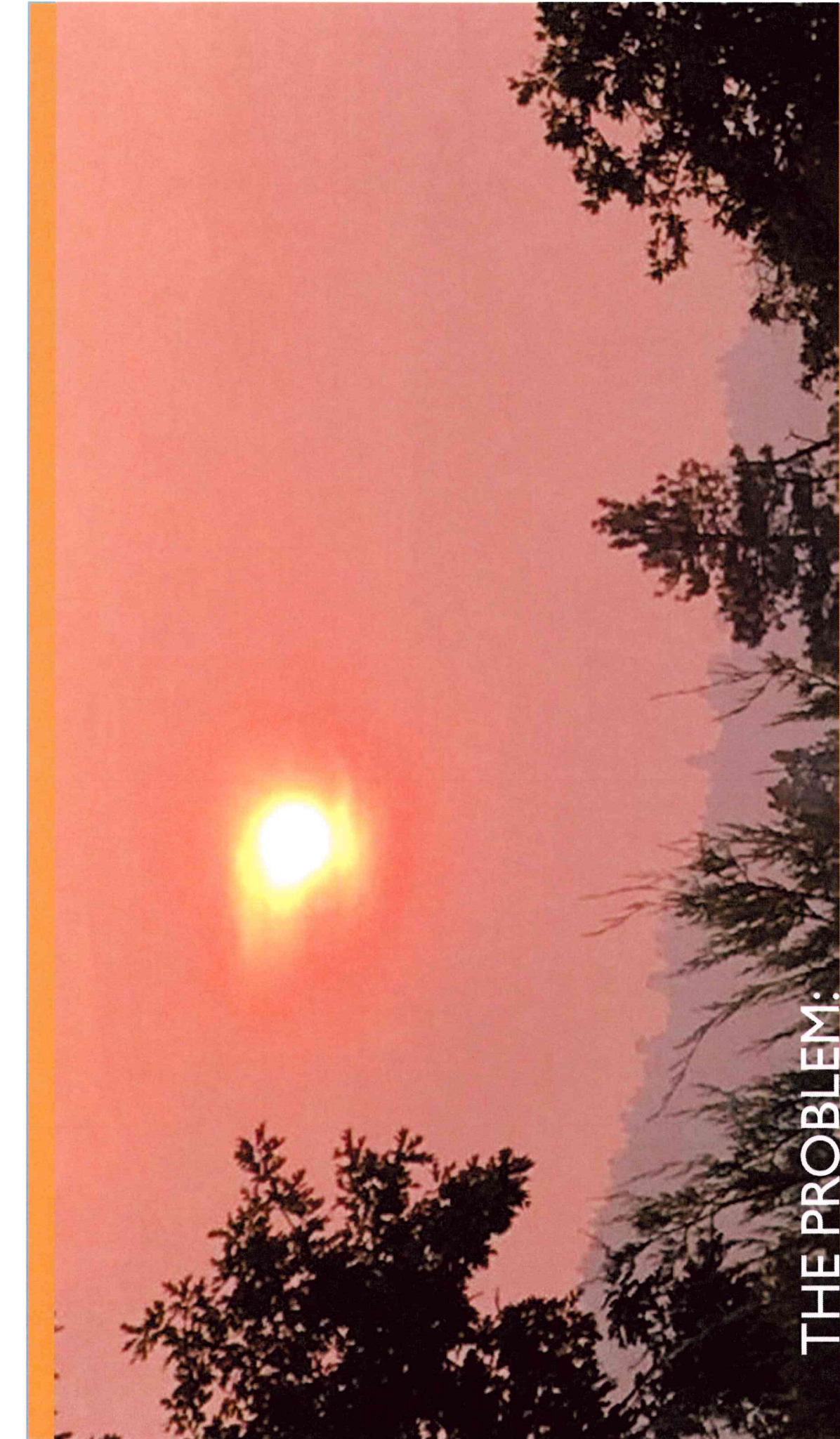


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We value reducing our GHG emissions

- Develop a formal, technically informed, community-wide climate action plan
- Consider directing staff to focus on funding opportunities for local climate action



THE PROBLEM:

Fossil fuel use is a significant local contributor to GHG – and should be reduced.

Fossil fuel use



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We value encouraging multiple types of transportation to reduce fuel dependence and promote local air quality.

- ❑ Prioritize multi-modal transportation and links to trails/paths.



THE PROBLEM:

The built environment can both generate a large percentage of GHG emissions, and offer opportunities to buffer climate impacts.

The built environment



We value a built environment that is both resilient to extreme weather and minimizes GHG emissions.

- Identify solutions for reducing built environment emissions starting with city/county facilities.
- Review local codes and design standards to appropriately support and incentivize programs/actions



THE PROBLEM:

Climate change will result in increasing average temperatures, and erratic and extreme weather events.

Increasing average temperatures



We value safe spaces to congregate that will lower urban heat island effects.

- Increase the tree canopy throughout The Dalles

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We value other opportunities for reducing GHG emissions.

- Partner with utilities to provide education, incentives for home energy audits, electrification and energy efficiency.



THE PROBLEM:

Ongoing changes – in Northwest climate patterns, natural resource concerns, state and national policies, and local priorities – require continued attention.

Ongoing changes require attention



We value local governments and leaders being diligent on climate change.

- Form a local stakeholder group to explore collaborative policies, outreach and action.
- Schedule regular climate impacts and actions review, involving both staff and elected officials.

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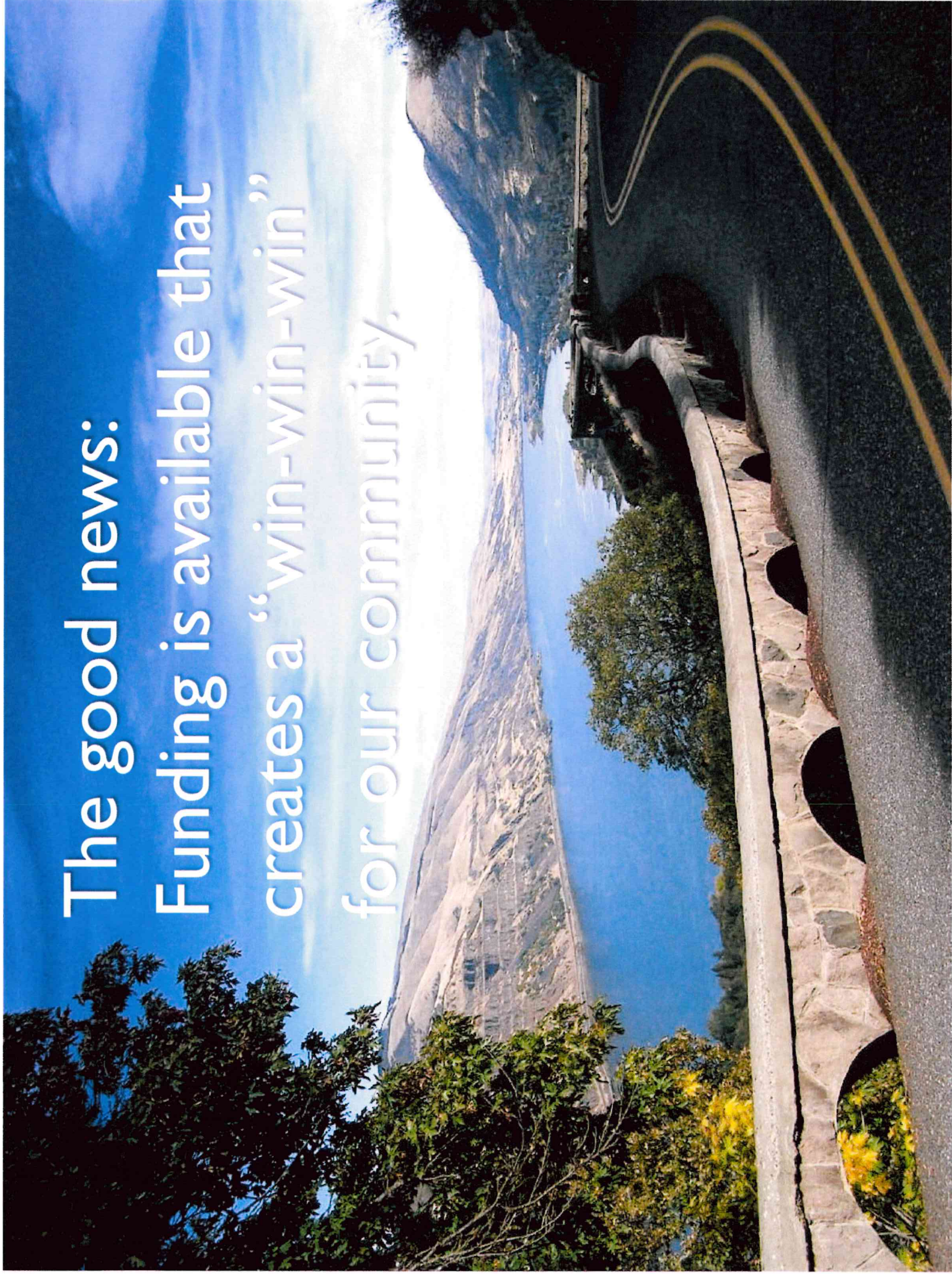
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We value follow-through on critical issues, starting with water supply.

- Prioritize analysis and funding of water systems.

The good news:
Funding is available that
creates a “win-win-win”
for our community.



Win #1: Extending taxpayer dollars



City of The Dalles and Wasco County can leverage a wide range of grant funding, which makes taxpayer dollars go further!

- ❑ Oregon Department of Energy – grants to communities of up to \$1MM for climate resiliency projects.
- ❑ Oregon Department of Transportation - \$100MM over next 5 years for public EV charging stations
- ❑ The Arbor Day Foundation – up to \$20k for community green space
- ❑ Climate change education grants available through Oregon Community Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust and Gray Family Foundation

Win #2: Actionable Recommendations

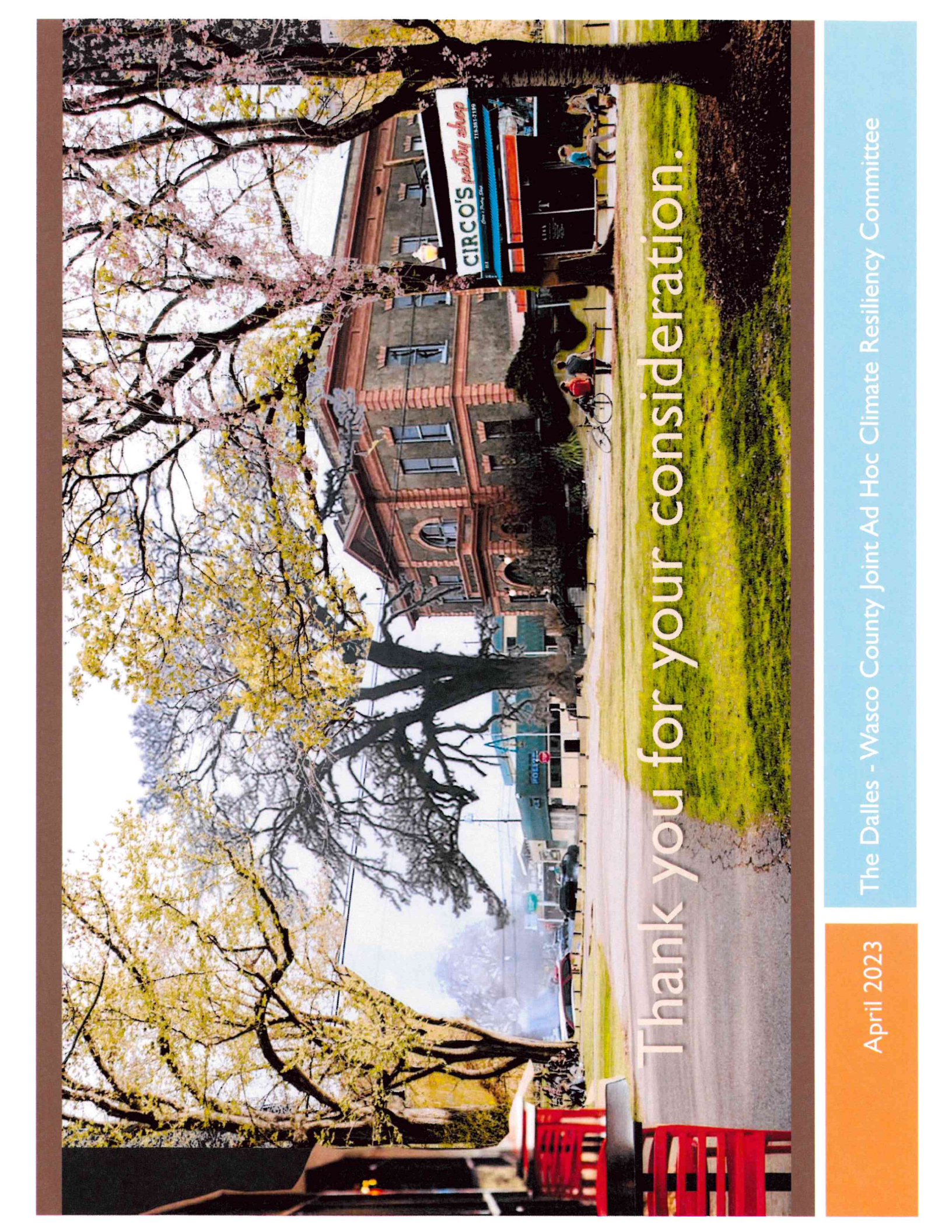


The recommendations outlined in *Developing Climate Resilience in Wasco County* can assist local government operations in becoming cleaner, more efficient, and more resilient.

Win #3: Increasing quality of life



By thoughtfully and meaningfully acting on the many opportunities to mitigate climate impacts, we can realize the benefits of efficiency, resilience and improved quality of life for our communities.



Thank you for your consideration.

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The Dalles - Wasco County Joint Ad Hoc Climate Resiliency Committee