



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
November 29, 2017**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on November 29, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jim Walker called the Board Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Jim Walker, Vice Chair Kaiba White, Blythe Christopher de Orive, Kelly Davis, Adrienne Haschke, Nhat Ho, Sabrina Joplin, Francoise Luca, Joep Meijer, Michael Osborne, Patricia Seeger

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ann Neely

City Staff in Attendance:

Lewis Leff, Zach Baumer, David Colligan, Julia Campbell, Karla Taylor, Karl Popham

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 27th meeting minutes were approved 8-0 on Committee Member Osborne’s motion and Committee Member Seeger’s second. Committee Members Christopher de Orive, Ho, and White arrived after this vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3a. Presentation on the proposed revisions to the City’s Economic Development Policy (Discussion and/or possible action)

David Colligan with the Economic Development Department presented on the proposed revision to the Chapter 380 policy and program. Committee members discussed LEED building ratings requirements, alternative transportation options for employees (and reporting), affordability concerns, adding cultural elements, and AE green building program scoring. There were comments about limiting greenfield development, preserving trees, water/stormwater quality, and water conservation on site. There were questions about seeing results and a bottom line from the previous agreements. A suggestion for using a sustainability matrix was made to look across more standards than just LEED or zero waste. Colligan mentioned a recommendation would be going to Council in February, and Chair Walker mentioned the overlap with the Carbon Impact Statement and asking staff to come back early next year to update the Committee on progress.

3b. Discussion on the Smart Mobility Roadmap report (Discussion and/or possible action)

Karla Taylor (ATD) and Karl Popham (AE) present on the draft Smart Mobility Roadmap. There was discussion about other cities are doing with the Smart Cities Challenge and Texas Innovation Alliance.

Committee Member Meijer noted how this plan interacts with Austin Energy, our community's carbon footprint, and investment in renewables. There is interest in giving input on scenario planning and staff agreed to reach out to the staff working on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan to see how to best accomplish this. Committee Member Ho mentioned that low speed, smaller cars should be reflected as part of the solution. Vice Chair White asked about the data on the impact of transportation networking companies on vehicle miles travelled. Committee Member Joplin asked about how electric vehicle charging station locations are determined, and Popham mentioned the Austin Energy grant funding for the EVs for Everyone program and reducing any system gaps. Committee Member Luca mentioned the importance of parking strategies for automated vehicles, and how fleets may be impacted by different ownership models.

3c. Potential amendments to the Joint Sustainability Committee by-laws (Discussion and/or possible action)

Committee Members discussed the draft changes based on prior committee conversation, and talked about the pros and cons of having alternates. The Committee unanimously adopted the bylaw amendment to add a Design Commission member as an ex officio member. Committee Member Davis moved to amend Article 3 (Membership) to allow boards to designate an alternate, using "may" instead of "shall." Committee Member Osborn seconded it, and the motion passed 9-0-2 with Committee Member Haschke and Vice Chair White abstaining. Committee Member Meijer moved to change meeting schedule to monthly, and Vice Chair White seconded. The motion passed 9-1-1 with Committee Member Davis opposed and Committee Member Luca abstaining.

Other discussion around schedule tied to the meeting schedule discussion included a follow up to the residential natural gas hook ups discussion, as well as an update on community engagement for the Community Climate Plan.

3d. Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan from the Climate Program Manager (Discussion)

No discussion.

4a. Working group updates and potential creation of new working groups: three standing working groups on the Phase 1 Actions of the Austin Community Climate Plan (Electricity and Natural Gas, Transportation and Land Use, Materials and Waste Management), brownfield redevelopment, budget, carbon impact statement, and tourism (Discussion and/or possible action)

No discussion.

4b. Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions (Discussion and/or possible action)

No discussion.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- January - Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and carbon emissions, Potential addendum of a section on Food and Climate to the Austin Community Climate Plan
- February - Natural gas related to code and carbon impact statements, Ch. 380 agreements
- March - Water conservation and long-term planning strategies, Department ACCP progress reporting

ADJOURNMENT

On Committee Member Osborne's motion and Committee Member Seeger's second, Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. without objection.