



JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
February 28, 2018**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on February 28, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jim Walker called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Jim Walker, Blythe Christopher de Orive, Kelly Davis, Fisayo Fadelu, Adrienne Haschke, Nhat Ho, Sabrina Joplin, Holt Lackey, Francoise Luca, Joep Meijer, Michael Osborne

Board Members Absent:

Vice Chair Kaiba White, Mary Ann Neely, Patricia Seeger

City Staff in Attendance:

Lewis Leff, Zach Baumer, David Colligan, Edwin Marty, Liane Miller, Cole Kitten

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 24th meeting minutes were approved 10-0 on Committee Member Osborne's motion and Committee Member Ho's second. Committee Member Davis arrived after this vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3a. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and carbon emissions (Discussion and/or possible action)

Cole Kitten and Liane Miller from the Austin Transportation Department presented on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP). The presentation covered ASMP scenarios with inputs and outcomes which would be presented at future public meetings. They talked about it having a supply focus now and would incorporate demand later, and the Committee recommended talking about both at the same time, along with land use and infrastructure, to have a full conversation. CodeNEXT came up and staff said if it passes as is or not at all they will continue to make progress on the ASMP, but will incorporate any changes as they happen. The new Transportation chapter does include transportation demand management and other mitigation strategies as of now. A comment was made to identify the levers, barriers, constraints, and new technologies that could impact transportation planning. The committee noticed that supply side strategies with continued population growth doesn't get us to the 50% mode share desired in the future. The Committee would like a crosswalk of ASMP strategies and Climate Plan actions when the plan is complete.

3b. Chapter 380 economic development agreement update (Discussion and/or possible action)

David Colligan with Economic Development Department provided an update to the committee about the Ch. 380 policy update and how they've identified aspects of the carbon impact statement that could apply to different types of project applications. The Committee expressed interest in ensuring the ASMP strategies were

analyzed for overlap with the Ch. 380 policy, and appreciated the focus on small, local business. The Ch. 380 agreement should be headed to Council for review in late April.

3c. Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan from the Climate Program Manager (Discussion and/or possible action)

Zach Baumer provided a brief overview of the Cost/Impact Analysis that has been done on the Community Climate Plan actions. It will be a full agenda item in March, but it should address some of the quantification questions that came up about the ASMP. There was some discussion about a community compact, getting signatories for commitments from partners.

4a. Add a Food and Climate strategy as an addendum to the Austin Community Climate Plan (Discussion and/or possible action)

Committee Member Haschke presented the updated version of the Food and Climate Addendum for the Climate Plan. She demonstrated how the comments from the last JSC meeting about this were incorporated. There was discussion about the language around prioritizing climate-friendly proteins and limiting waste through better upfront food planning for larger organizations and businesses. The Committee decided to leave language as is to match the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board's recommendation passed earlier in February. Committee Member Osborne moved approval and Committee Member Davis seconded the motion; it passed unanimously 11-0.

4b. 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)

Brief discussion about next steps with the carbon impact statement group.

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

Committee Member Davis presented the resolution passed at a recent Urban Transportation Commission meeting regarding increasing the visibility and strengthening the desire to have high capacity transit as a primary action in the Community Climate Plan. The Committee agreed to incorporate this as a potential addition during the 2020 plan update process.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Committee Members discussed the CodeNEXT draft three and how they could understand the carbon impacts from the updated code if it were adopted. Staff agreed to work with the relevant city departments and Committee Member Seeger to determine the appropriate approach for an update and a potential special-called meeting.
- Committee Member Ho discussed having an item on Water Forward in April/May
- Committee Member Meijer discussed having an item on carbon impact statements in May
- March will include departmental climate plan action updates and a cost/impact presentation
- Natural gas discussion may happen in March or April

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. without objection.