



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 2019**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on May 22, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kaiba White, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Karen Magid, Nhat Ho, Holt Lackey, Rob Schneider, Melissa Rothrock, Alberta Phillips, Fisayo Fadelu

Board Members Absent:

Francoise Luca, Kelly Davis

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Marc Coudert

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion to approve (Nhat Ho) Second (Holt Lackey) Approved 8-0

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Eric Goff, to reducing GHG sooner, consider more housing closer to work

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation on long-term carbon reduction goals from the Climate Program Manager
 - a. Presentation shows the need to be more aggressive with GHG reductions
 - b. Technology an unknown opportunity
 - c. Leverage relationships with other Texas cities
- b) Presentation on the content of and process for addressing Resolutions 20190509-019 (Climate Resilience) and 20190509-020 (transportation electrification)
 - a. Present draft resilience presentation to Joint Sustainability Committee in July
- c) Presentation on the 2018 State of the Environment Report (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - a. First year online – in English and Spanish – with goal to have site connected to data portal so information is current
 - b. Consider reaching out to neighborhood organizations to reach low income communities and possibly print out copies for community members who don't have internet access. Also consider engaging nonprofits and including social justice issues.

- c. Consider offering the ability to provide feedback online

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Working group updates

1. Public engagement working group stalled. Holt seconds having Alberta Phillips join the Public Engagement working group connected to community climate plan update
2. Capital metro currently piloting bus passes to staff – offer 20% off
3. Zebra mussel briefing connected to broader ecosystem discussion including Watershed Protection Department and Forestry Division
4. Resource Management Commission recommended that the energy code discusses the connection to natural gas for hot water
5. Environmental Commission had presentation from Watershed Protection Department about masterplan update

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Austin Ecosystems and Climate Change including Zebra Mussel
- Water Forward implementation plan update
- Atlas 14 and impacts of the change
- Office of Sustainability budget overview

Meeting adjourns at **7:46**

ADJOURNMENT

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