



**Item 1**

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR**

**June 26, 2019**

**The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on June 26, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Kaiba White, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kaiba White Chair, Karen Magid, Nhat Ho, Holt Lackey, Rob Schneider, Melissa Rothrock, Kelly Davis, David Carroll, Alberta Phillips, Karen Hadden, Wendy Gordon

**Board Members Absent:**

Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Francoise Luca, Fisayo Fadelu

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Marc Coudert, Phoebe Romero

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. New business is under citizen communications; revise and renumber
- b. Motion to approve (Robert) Second (Nhat) Approved 8-3 Abstained

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- No citizen communication

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation on Atlas 14 and Austin floodplains
  - a. Watershed Protection discussed changes to floodplains on Atlas 14
  - b. Watershed recommends land development code amendments, drainage criterial manual revisions and floodplain study and mapping updates
  - c. Discussion over whether any development or redevelopment should be allowed in floodplains
  - d. Action items:
    - i. Follow up on breakdown of Atlas 14 data by time

- ii. Clarify percentage of rainfall in the Colorado River watershed – red vs. green zones
    - iii. Follow up with number of units per multifamily building in floodplain
- b. Presentation on Central Texas Air Quality
  - a. Staff from Office of Sustainability and CAPCOG presented on air quality monitoring and outreach
  - b. Reviewed Texas legislation impacts on air quality
  - c. Discussion regulatory air quality monitors in the city
- c. 2018-19 Annual Internal Review
  - a. Goals for upcoming year
    - i. 2020 climate plan revision
    - ii. Strategic mobility plan
    - iii. Land code revision
    - iv. Carbon impact statement
    - v. Renewable energy goals
    - vi. Multifamily composting
    - vii. Electrification of vehicles and buses
    - viii. Biker safety and bike lanes

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Working group updates
  - Engagement group discussed outreach methods for most-impacted communities and largest emitters
- b. Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions
  - Environmental Commission
    - Watershed Department sustainability team spoke on cement carbon capture
    - USDA Fire Serve adaptation workshop
  - Water and Wastewater Commission
    - Recent workshop on Water Forward
  - Zero Waste Advisory Commission
    - Austin Resource Recovery gave presentation on rate of diversion from landfill
  - Resource management commission

- Working group looking at how Austin Energy can serve low income customers with on-site solar

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- July
  - Defining Climate Resilience
  - Community Climate Plan Revision
- Upcoming months
  - Cement carbon capture
  - USDA Fire Service adaptation
  - Budget discussion

Motion to adjourn (Nhat), second (Holt)

Meeting adjourns at **8:34 PM**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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