



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2019**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on January 23, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jim Walker called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Jim Walker, Vice Chair Kaiba White, Joep Meijer, Michael Osborne, Melissa Rothrock, Michael Ybarra, Karen Magid, Kelly Davis, Nhat Ho, Fisayo Fadelu,

Board Members Absent:

Francoise Luca, Patricia Seeger, Katie Coyne,

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Marc Coudert

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve (Joep Meijer) Second (Michael Osborne) Approved 8-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Ross Smith (Recycle/repurpose clear plastic)

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Bloomberg Philanthropies - American Cities Climate Challenge (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - 25 cities selected in the United States - Estimated 60 million metric tons of reduction across 25 cities
 - Funding to support network for increased collaboration
 - Hire: Implementation Coach, City Strategist, Climate Advisor and Expert Support
 - Grant application: Internal process to select 6 topics to advance
 - Consider how to engage JSC in the project – Connect challenge to climate plan update
 - Put presentation on committee website – send phase 2 impacts to council
 - Include challenge as a standing agenda item
- b. Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan from the Climate Program Manager (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Analyze current Community Climate Plan actions
 - Proposed structure for climate update – consider incorporating ‘moonshot’ ideas

- Engagement and Education TAG is nebulous but necessary –consider a look-back process to inform new process (best practices for engagement)
- For February 27th, provide draft charge for the steering committee and scope for TAGs
- Committee and staff to recommend TAGs members
- Enhance engagement process through one-on-one interactions – include neighborhood, businesses, etc.
- Update draft letter to council

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 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), budget working group, and carbon impact statement. (Discussion and/or possible action)

No updates

- b. Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Water/Wastewater commission: in year 2 of installing smart water meter
 - Food Policy Board: Engagement process for the food policy addendum
 - Resource Management Commission: DSD update on code amendment to natural gas connections

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Climate reality group**
- Crosswalk on Bloomberg grant
- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan
- Public announcement on Atlas 14

Meeting adjourns at 8:00

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