



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 24, 2019**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on April 24, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kaiba White, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Michael Osborne, Karen Magid, Kelly Davis, Nhat Ho, Holt Lackey, Rob Schneider, Fisayo Fadelu

Board Members Absent:

Francoise Luca, Melissa Rothrock, Alberta Phillips

City Staff in Attendance:

Lucia Athens, Cavan Merski

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve (Michael Osborne) Second (Karen Magid) Approved 9-0

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chair and Vice Chair Elections (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Kelly Davis nominates Kaiba White for Chair, Nhat Ho second. Approved 9-0
 - Kaiba White nominates Katie Coyne for Vice-Chair, Michael Osborne second. Approved 9-0
- b. Public engagement for the Revision of the Community Climate Plan (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Discussion
 - i. JSC should aim to meet people where they are.
 - ii. How can the JSC engage people who don't participate in survey but whose input is valuable e.g. a typical bus rider?
 - iii. JSC should partner with groups that already have connections to communities that the JSC wants to reach.
 - iv. The JSC should connect the climate plan to other important issues, for example how does the climate plan relate to affordable housing?
 - v. The JSC should adopt a listening posture.

- vi. The JSC should focus on engaging people that were not engaged when the plan was written originally.
- c. New Cap Metro Discount Pilot Program (Discussion and/or possible action)
Melissa is not here, Capital Metro has a discount pilot program and she wanted to give an update on how it could be expanded but we'll come back to this another time.
- d. Budget recommendations due on May 3rd (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - a) Four sections of the drafted budget recommendation were voted on individually
 - 1. Katie Coyne motion to support item 1, Rob Schneider second. Approved 9-0
 - 2. Katie Coyne motion to support item 2, Nhat Ho second. Approved 8-1.
 - 3. Katie Coyne motion to support item 3, Nhat Ho second. Approved 8-1.
 - 4. Katie Coyne motion to support item 4, Kaiba White second. Approved 7-1.

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)
 - Working groups can include members of the community who are not on the JSC.
 - Katie Coyne motions to dissolve all existing working groups. Michael Osborne second. Approved 9-0.
 - Katie Coyne motions to create The Public Engagement Working Group. Karen Magid second. Approved 9-0. Preliminary members include Holt Lackey, Kaiba White, Karen Magid and Katie Coyne (Chair). The Public Engagement Working Group's purpose is to engage the public and devise strategies that work in coordination with staff in engaging the public. These strategies will be brought back to the JSC for discussion.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Zebra mussels, water quality and climate change
- Atlas 14 – Watershed Protection
- The latest IPCC report and C40 guidance could be a good topic to cover next meeting.

Meeting adjourns at **8:16**

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Zach Baumer with the Office of Sustainability at 512-974-2836, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711. For

more information on the Joint Sustainability Committee, please contact Zach Baumer at (zach.baumer@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2836).