



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
May 27, 2020**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a special meeting on May 27, 2020 via videoconferencing.

Vice Chair Katie Coyne called the Board Meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

David Carroll, Kelly Davis, Alberta Phillips

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Phoebe Romero

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The speakers who registered in advance for public comment have three minutes each to address items on the agenda at this time.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) April 22, 2020 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Schneider), second (Commissioner Hadden), 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Community Resilience Discussion (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Moved item to 2C in meeting order
 - Commissioner Coyne discussed community resilience resolution that was passed by council on May 7, 2020 and provided overview of next steps for the response to the resolution

- b) Green Infrastructure Update (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Erin Wood, Principal Planner with Watershed Protection Department, reviewed the Green Infrastructure Story Map, which is part of a larger response to Resolution No. 20170615-071
 - The Story Map was created as a one-stop resource including ten topics to keep track of all the cross-departmental initiatives related to green infrastructure throughout the city.
 - Commissioners noted recommendations on highlighting education efforts for children's and ways for the public to get involved within the map
 - Gaps and strengths analysis of green infrastructure initiatives will be released soon.

- c) Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan Revision (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Zach Baumer, Climate Program Manager at the Office of Sustainability, provided an update on the first draft of goals
 - Reviewed draft goals for the five topic categories (Consumption, Natural Systems, Sustainable Buildings, Transportation Electrification, and Transportation and Land Use)
 - Provided overview of schedule to get plan to council by October 1st
 - Commissioners noted interested in how COVID19 has affected transportation emissions and support for a glossary of terms and plans for community collaboration for implementation.

- d) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Planning Commission
 - Update on Land Development Code Revision future briefing
 - Economic Prosperity Commission
 - Update on recommendations for budget, including support for the Equitable Green Jobs program
 - Food Policy Board
 - Working on recommendation for emergency response needs and a set of longer-term recommendations

- Passed a recommendation including support for a Regional Food Plan and community engagement efforts
- Resource Management Commission
 - Working Group focusing on low-income communities and renters to expand access to rooftop solar
- Environmental Commission – work to regulate what consumers and renters have to have disclosed to them regarding floodplain; don't have to disclose this; not liable if something happens; more rigorous process for purchaser notification

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community Resilience Trust presentation
- TXDOT presentation on transportation electrification model
- Overview of Environmental Commissions work to get access to floodplain information for renters

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Schneider), Second (Commissioner Holt).

Meeting adjourns at 2:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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