



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
August 26, 2020**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a special meeting on August 26, 2020 via videoconferencing.

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

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.

- None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) July 22, 2020 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee

- Motion to approve (Commissioner Coyne), second (Commissioner Lackey), 10 approved, 0 opposed, 2 abstained.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and Review of the Draft Austin Climate Equity Plan (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Office of Sustainability staff provided overview of plan process and all draft goals and strategies
 - Reviewed equity-focused process, themes, tool and Community Climate Ambassadors program
 - Overall, the new proposed community-wide target is to be Net Zero by 2040 and pursue negative emissions to 2050. There are 18 goals and 75 strategies. Three goals are cross-cutting big picture, and the rest are across five topic areas, including:
 - Sustainable Buildings
 - Transportation and Land Use
 - Transportation Electrification
 - Natural Systems
 - Food and Product Consumption
 - Reviewed implications of strategies in meeting emissions reduction targets
 - Discussion on questions regarding new additions to plan, regional collaboration and alignment with other Texas cities and the baseline for goals.
 - The Recommendation for Supporting the Austin Climate Equity Plan was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by (Commissioner White), seconded by (Commissioner Coyne) on a 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained vote. A friendly amendment by Commissioner Davis to fix a typo was adjusted. A friendly amendment by Commissioner Carroll to clarify that the five additional members proposed for the Joint Sustainability be appointed by council.
- b) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- None discussed

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None discussed

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner White).

Meeting adjourns at 2:33 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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