



**Item 1**

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
September 25, 2020**

**The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a special meeting on September 25, 2020 via videoconferencing.**

**Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 10:01 am.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Rob Schneider, Kelly Davis

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Zach Baumer, Cavan Merski

**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) August 26, 2020 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
  - Motion to approve (Commissioner Coyne), second (Commissioner Carroll), 9 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Conduct JSC officer elections (Discussion and/or possible action)
  - Commission discussed that continuity may be important considering current Climate Equity Plan process.
  - Motion to nominate Commissioner White for Chair (Commissioner Hadden), second (Commissioner Lackey), 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
  - Motion to nominate Commissioner Coyne for Vice Chair (Commissioner White), second (Commissioner Phillips), 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
  
- b) Presentation from CapMetro on Project Connect (Discussion and/or possible action)
  - Jackie Nirenberg from CapMetro provided an initial investment overview of Project Connect
  - Lesson learned from previous bond initiatives was to allow the community to see what a full system would look like; have provided an overview of the varying components of the routes
  - Austin Transit Partnership will bridge CapMetro and the City of Austin with independent governance for full transparency
  - Discussed questions regarding funding, equity and environmental considerations in the plan
  
- c) Presentation on the Draft Austin Climate Equity Plan (Discussion and/or possible action)
  - Provided overview of public comment period and revision schedule
  - Discussed presentation process with boards and commissions
  - Motion proposed to draft a letter for next meeting in support of public transit and Project Connect in reference to the Austin Climate Equity Plan (Commissioner Ho), second (Commissioner White), 9 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
  
- d) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
  - Design Commission will be getting a presentation on the climate plan in the next week, Commissioner Carroll will attempt to garner support.
  - Other commissioners commit to supporting the plan in their respective commissions.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None discussed

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner White).

**Meeting adjourns at 11:34 pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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