



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
August 23, 2023**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a hybrid meeting via videoconferencing and at AE Headquarters.

Acting Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Board Members in Attendance in Person: Charlotte Davis, Rodrigo Leal, Yure Suarez, Kaiba White, Haris Qureshi

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Stephanie Bazan, Jon Salinas, Diana Wheeler, Melissa, Rothrock, Heather Houser, Christopher Campbell, Anna Scott

Board Members Absent: Larry Franklin, Alice Woods, Kelsey Hitchingham, Chris Maxwell-Gaines, Bertha Delgado

Observing: None

City Staff in Attendance:
Zach Baumer

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

5. Approval of minutes from the July 26th meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee.

- Motion by Qureshi, seconded by Davis. Approved unanimously (12-0)

1. Office of Sustainability Budget - Zach Baumer, Office of Sustainability

- Qureshi: Will you continue to fund Climate Ambassadors?
- Baumer: Yes with additional staff will find a way to continue to support ambassadors.
- White: Met with Rodney Gonzales and made the recommendations clear / simple / easily fundable. Question looming about Temp to Perm Admin or Engagement staff?

- Baumer: Will follow up.
- Scott: Do we know exactly why this additional funding was received?
- White: Great news that we got more funding for this department that needs even more funding for the large job it does.

2. EV charging infrastructure education and workforce development – Larry Franklin, Black Lives Veggies – Item Skipped

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Council on composting and recycling services at multifamily residential properties. – Kaiba White

- Kaiba White summary of presentation
- Discussed Recommendation to Council
- Davis: What about enforcement?
- White: Code enforcement officers.
- Rothrock: Will be a slow rollout, no enforcement for a year.
- Davis: Education, are there additional requirements above and beyond signage / information to educate folks how to use it?
- White: Signage and also materials given to residents
- Suarez: Who ends up paying for this, and trash valet, will they compost?
- Discussion: unsure, recommendation doesn't address.
- Going to council next month.
- Houser motion – Scott – 2nd. Vote = 12-0 adopted.

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Council on Priority policy and program recommendations from JSC working groups on Austin Climate Equity Plan Implementation.

Start with Transportation – Chris Campbell

- Walked through Draft recommendations
- Discussion around EV Community Needs Assessment
- Discussion around policy / programmatic recommendations v. Funding (which typically happens in March.
- Item by item discussion of each recommendation

Now onto Natural Systems / Food Product Consumption – Anna Scott

- Walked through draft recommendations
- Discussion all items

Onto review of Sustainable Buildings – Kaiba White

- 7 recommendations, 3 closely related
- Discussed all items

3. JSC Annual Report

- White proposes to take some bullet points from the discussion tonight and include in the report. No disagreement

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

White adjourns meeting at 9:08 pm with no objections.

ADJOURNMENT

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