



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Mar 27, 2024**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a hybrid meeting via videoconferencing and City Hall.

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Board Members in Attendance in Person: Chris Maxwell-Gaines, Lane Becker, Larry Franklin, Charlotte Davis, Kaiba White, Haris Qureshi, Jon Salinas

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Diana Wheeler, Anna Scott, Heather Houser, Chris Campbell, Yure Suarez

Board Members Absent: Bertha Delgado, Alice Woods, Melissa Rothrock, Amy Noel, Rodrigo Leal

City Staff in Attendance:
Rohan Lilauwala, Zach Baumer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kaiba White called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. Melinda Chow- River Watch, speaking in favor of Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) success stories
2. Parc Smith – American Youth Works, speaking in favor of ACCC
3. Chase Wright – Hungry Hill Foundation, speaking in favor of ACCC
4. Jaquan Jackson – Hungry Hill Foundation, speaking in favor of ACCC
5. Paul Robbins – Environmental activist, vice chair of RMC. Speaking on the need for stronger restrictions on water use and for reclaimed water. Green choice program is obsolete, needs to be repurposed for dispatchable renewable energy
6. Adam Greenfield – Safe Streets Austin, speaking in favor of Urban Transportation Commission’s transportation package, Farm and City’s recommendations. In support of

converting 1 lane on every arterial to protected bike or bus lanes. 110 miles - \$40 million for quick build. Savings from crash cost reduction. Example of longhorn dam

7. Scott Johnson – speaking on the importance of low-emission asphalt

1. Approval of minutes from the March 27th meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee.

- Davis motions to approve, Maxwell-Gaines seconds, passes on 11-0 vote (Suarez off dais).

3. UT City Climate Colab – Dev Niyogi, UT-Austin

- Presentation on the new collaborative research framework between University of Texas at Austin and the City of Austin
- Commissioners agree of value of Colab
- Suggestions of project – citywide solar potential assessment
- Offer to come back regularly to update JSC

2. Joint Sustainability Committee Officer Elections for the 2024-2025 Term

- Qureshi nominates White as chair, Maxwell-Gaines seconds, passes 12-0.
- Wheeler nominates Davis as vice chair, Qureshi seconds, passes 12-0.

4. Presentation on the Staff Response to Resolution 20240215-025, the “Environmental Investment Plan” – Zach Baumer, Office of Sustainability

- Discussions on how to maximize community benefits
- Discussion of JSC lack of information

5. JSC Discussion on Resolution 20240215-025, the “Environmental Investment Plan”

- Discussion of details of individual recommendations at length

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- TBD

Quorum was lost at 9:02 pm, meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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