



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 30, 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, Haris Qureshi, Kaiba White, Anna Scott

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Diana Wheeler, Jon Salinas, Melissa Rothrock, Charlotte Davis, Lane Becker, Heather Houser, Rodrigo Leal, Yure Suarez, Chris Campbell, Amy Noel

Board Members Absent: Bertha Delgado, Alice Woods, Larry Franklin

City Staff in Attendance:
Rohan Lilauwala

CALL TO ORDER

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. Craig Nazor – speaking in support of LIDAR for tree inventory and support for native nurseries
2. Zenobia Joseph – speaking in favor of improved transit and shelters near low-income communities

1. Approval of minutes from the April 24th meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee.

- Qureshi motions to approve, Maxwell-Gaines seconds, passes on 13-0 vote (Noel off dais)

2. Joint Sustainability Committee discussion and approval of recommendations for the

Environmental Investment Plan, in the areas of Buildings and Energy, Transportation, Natural Systems, and Consumption.

- Discussion of details of individual recommendations at length
- Commissioners suggest including social cost of carbon (and air pollutants, if possible) amount for Fayette closure
- Tweaks suggested to sustainable buildings recommendation #10
- Tweaks to ACCC recommendation – change language to purchasing a truck
- Suggested \$400,000 budget for Sustainable Buildings Recommendation 10

Public comment - Zenobia Joseph –

- Speaks in favor of improved fixed-route transit, better survey methods, equity
- Scott motions to approve all recommendations minus five pulled items ; Qureshi second
 1. Pro-climate, pro health foods
 2. Downtown High-Frequency Circulator
 3. Neighborhood E-Circulators
 4. Establish a city-owned all-electric carshare service
 5. E-mobility solutions pilot program
- Passes 13-0 (Suarez off dais)
- White motions to approve Pro-climate, pro health recommendation, Qureshi seconds, passes 12-0 (Davis recuses, Suarez off dais)
- Davis motions to approve neighborhood e-circulators as amended, Noel seconds, passes 13-0 (Suarez off dais).
- Davis motions to approve downtown high frequency circulator, Qureshi seconds, passes 13-0 (Suarez off dais).
- Campbell motions carshare service to approve, Becker seconds, passes 13-0 (Suarez off dais).
- Leal motions to approve e-mobility solutions pilot program, Qureshi seconds, passes 10-2 (White abstains, Davis and Houser no)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- TBD

White adjourns meeting at 8:34 pm without objection

ADJOURNMENT

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