



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019**

### **Joint Sustainability Committee** **(Official Name of Board or Commission)**

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**The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:**

- to advise the council on matters related to conservation and sustainability; and
- review City policies and procedures relevant to the Austin Community Climate Plan, including planning, implementation, community engagement, goal setting, and progress monitoring; and
- promote close cooperation between the council, City management, City boards, commissions, committees, and taskforces, and individuals, institutions, and agencies concerned with the politics, procedures, and implementation of the Austin Community Climate Plan with the goal of coordinating all similar activities within the City and the community in order to secure the greatest public benefit; and
- forward to the city manager all advisory material that the joint committee provides to the council, the Office of Sustainability, City departments and offices, or City boards, commissions, committees, and task forces.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

July 25, 2018

- 20180725-04C – FY2019 Budget Recommendations to Council on matters related to enforcing energy codes in residential and commercial buildings to aid in furthering the goals, policies and actions in the Austin Community Climate Plan

November 28, 2018

- 20181128-03A – Recommendation stating support for core aspects of the Project Connect Vision Plan as it aligns with numerous transportation and land use strategies in the Austin Community Climate Plan

December 7, 2018

- Letter to Council stating support for the Urban Transportation Commission Resolution (20181113-04B) in reference to the Project Connect Vision Plan

February 10, 2019

- Letter to Council providing update regarding the Joint Sustainability Committee's involvement in collaborating with city departments and the public to complete the 2020 revision of the Austin Community Climate Plan

February 27, 2019

- 20190227-3C – Recommendation to eliminate Energy Code Requirement for Natural Gas Connection

March 27, 2019

- 20190327-3A – Recommendation in support of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan with additional specific recommendations
- Amended by-laws, changing the council-appointed members from 3 to 1 and adding the Design Commission as a member

April 24, 2019

- 20190424-3D – Recommendation to allocate funding to ensure effective staff efforts and substantive collaboration between the Equity and Sustainability Offices, increase efficiency and effectiveness of the Development Services Department by prioritizing funding for staffing to ensure full compliance with all existing city regulations that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consider funding and/or formalizing positions in City departments to act as sustainability and climate liaisons and to consider funding and continuing to support opportunities for the Parks and Recreation Department to create pilot projects focused on climate mitigation and adaptation

**2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

All of the committee's actions were within the scope of its mission statement.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

- a) Oversee and contribute to the update of the Austin Community Climate Plan
- b) Monitor and advise on implementation of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan
- c) Contribute to the revision of the Austin Land Development Code
- d) Work with city staff, stakeholders and experts to develop a model for carbon impact statements for all significant budget and policy decisions

- e) Monitor and contribute to the update of the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan
- f) Monitor and contribute to the update of the Austin Universal Recycling Ordinance to require organics collection for multifamily dwellings and offices and expanded recycling capacity for multifamily dwellings
- g) Work with city staff and Cap Metro to speed the transition to electric vehicles, including buses and heavy vehicles
- h) Work to develop and implement policies that promote mode shift to reduce private vehicle use, including improving pedestrian and bike safety with protected bike lanes and implementation of Vision Zero
- i) Support the development of the Austin Community Resilience Plan
- j) Collaborate with the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board to promote climate-friendly diets and reduce food waste
- k) Make equity a priority in all of these initiatives