



**Item 1**

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2020**

**The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on January 22, 2020 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 6:07 pm.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kaiba White Chair, Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, David Carroll, Fisayo Fadelu, Karen Hadden, Melissa Rothrock, Karen Magid, Rob Schneider, Holt Lackey

**Board Members Absent:**

Nhat Ho, Alberta Phillips, Kelly Davis

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Phoebe Romero, Zach Baumer

CALL TO ORDER

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**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 18, 2019 Joint Sustainability Committee meeting were approved. Motion to approve (Commissioner Coyne), Second (Commissioner Rothrock)- 7 approved, 0 opposed.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- None

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Urban Forestry Presentation – Keith Mars, Development Services Department (Discussion and/or possible action) – 45 minutes
  - Reviewed Heritage Tree Ordinance and Code Criteria for Removal which is allowed when tree prevents reasonable use, reasonable access or is dead, diseased or an imminent hazard
  - Land Development Code Revision
    - Updated modifications along corridors (in context of housing), street and residential planting requirements and improved language and definitions
    - Along corridors, heritage trees accommodations may take place if reasonable use guideline is affected
  - Opportunity to examine how the Climate Plan revision can create an overall tree canopy goal, and incorporate an equity analysis examining areas like the East Side
  - Discussed survival rate of relocated trees, those in redevelopment zones and opportunity to work with HOAs in policy
  
- b) Food Policy Recommendation on Land Development Code Revision (Discussion and/or possible action) – 45 minutes
  - Recommendation from the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board concerning Food Policy and the Land Development Code Revision was approved with the following friendly amendments from Commissioner Carroll:
    - On bullet #1, recommended not tying food equity lens to idea of an equity overlay, so that it's not dependent on this being done; last two sentences from the first bullet removed.
    - On bullet #5, recommended removing “siting” and adding “encouraging” and removing “stores”, but keeping food retail.
  - Record of the vote: Motion to approve Commissioner Hadden, Second Commissioner Lackey - 9 approved, 0 opposed
  - JSC to explore food pantry permit recommendation in the future
  
- c) Community Climate Plan Update – Zach Baumer, Office of Sustainability (Discussion and/or possible action) – 20 minutes
  - Community content workshops for each of the topics will be taking place throughout evenings and Saturdays in February
  - Community Climate Ambassador kickoff meetings complete
  - Steering Committee is working on equity tool
  - Texas Resilience 2020 Summit – May 20-21, 2020

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Working group updates (Discussion and/or possible action)
  - No updates

- b. Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions (Discussion and/or possible action)
  - Resource Management Commission
    - Discussing natural gas rates, conservation programs and new construction hookups
  - Zero Waste Advisory Commission
    - Multifamily organics pickup 6-month pilot taking applications until February 1st
  - Environmental Commission
    - Commissioner Smith leading discussion on tree removal at new Apple campus

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ongoing updates from Office of Sustainability regarding Community Climate Plan revision
- Equity analysis of Atlas 14
- Green Infrastructure Plan
- Adaptation overview from US Forest Service workshop
- CapMetro – Project Connect Update
- Food Policy charitable feeding organization recommendation
- Climate Ambassador presentation

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner White)

**Meeting adjourns at 7:53pm.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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