



**Item 1**

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
April 22, 2020**

**The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a special meeting on April 22, 2020 via videoconferencing.**

**Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 3:16 pm.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kaiba White Chair, Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Nhat Ho, David Carroll, Melissa Rothrock, Rob Schneider, Karen Magid, Alberta Phillips, Karen Hadden, Holt Lackey, Kelly Davis

**Board Members Absent:**

Fisayo Fadelu

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Zach Baumer, Phoebe Romero

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) February 26, 2020 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
  - Motion to approve (Commissioner Schneider), second (Commissioner Phillips), 9 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Budget Discussion and Recommendations (Discussion and/or possible action)
- The Budget Recommendation for Funding Climate Justice was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by (Commissioner White), seconded by (Commissioner Phillips) on a 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained vote. A friendly amendment from Commissioner Ho included noting alignment with Austin Strategic Direction 2023 Health and Environment and Economic Opportunity and Affordability outcomes. A friendly amendment from Commissioner Magid and Commissioner Phillips included removing reference to Equitable Green Jobs Program to be voted on separately.
  - The Budget Recommendation for Funding Equitable Green Jobs Program was approved on motion by (Commissioner Phillips), seconded by (Commissioner Hadden) on a 7 approved, 0 opposed, 2 abstained, 2 recused vote. For the purposes of this vote, Commissioner Ho chaired the meeting on motion by (Commissioner Schneider), seconded by (Commissioner Hadden) on a 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained vote. Commissioner White and Commissioner Magid recused themselves from this item due to a potential conflict of interest.
- b) Overview of Austin Community GHG Goals and Trend Dashboard (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Joep Meijer presented climate plan goals on behalf of the Steering Committee
  - Steering Committee reviewed IPCC 1.5°C Special Report, UN Emissions Gap Report, C40 Deadline 2020 Report and other city policies to determine revised goal
    - Revised goal captures the urgency and city-specific recommendations of reports and includes a:
      - Net Zero by 2040 goal
      - More aggressive reduction schedule
      - Negative emissions beyond 2040
- c) Charitable Feeding Organization Permit Recommendation (Discussion and/or possible action)
- The Recommendation for Charitable Feeding Organization Permit was approved on motion by (Commissioner White), seconded by (Commissioner Schneider) on an 11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained vote.
- d) Climate Resilience Update (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Marc Coudert provided overview of responses to Resolution No. 20190509-019, which included actions underway and recommendations to build community capacity and robust and resilience infrastructure.
  - The Recommendation for Climate Resilience Update was approved on motion with the following friendly amendments by (Commissioner Coyne), seconded by (Commissioner Ho) on an 11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained vote. A friendly amendment from Commissioner Ho included adding that the Chief Resilience Officer

be in a position of executive leadership and a friendly amendment from Commissioner Phillips included adding a phrase regarding having the Chief Resilience Officer be similar in role to the Chief Environmental Officer.

- e) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- None discussed

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- None discussed

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Ho)

**Meeting adjourns at 4:43pm.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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