



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
July 22, 2020**

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

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 1:16 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, Fisayo Fadelu, Rob Schneider, Holt Lackey, Karen Magid, David Carroll, Karen Hadden, Alberta Phillips

Board Members Absent:

Kelly Davis, Nhat Ho, Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Melissa Rothrock

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.

- Susan Pantell
 - Concern about airport expansion and desire to include this within considerations of climate plan.
 - Desire for more expanded outreach as part of climate plan efforts.
 - Push for stronger, multi-modal transportation goals.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) June 24, 2020 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee

- Motion to approve (Commissioner Schneider), second (Commissioner Lackey), 8 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) COVID-19 Food System Recommendation (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Recommendation from Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board asking for additional staff and funding for a comprehensive economic, health and environmentally focused-food system response considering COVID-19.
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Hadden), Second (Commissioner White); Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Hadden to allow time for future review by commissioners and a vote at a later time.
- b) CapMetro Project Connect Update (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Presentation by Yannis Banks and Rob Borowski, CapMetro
 - Overview of timeline, proposed lines and system benefits
 - Discussed upcoming events and decision points, including funding options
 - Recommendation to support Project Connect Funding
 - Motion to approve (White), Second (Schneider) – 7 approve, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- c) Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan Revision (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Item will be discussed at next meeting
- d) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None discussed

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner White).

Meeting adjourns at 2:44 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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