



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2021**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a special meeting on April 28, 2021 via videoconferencing.

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, Alberta Phillips, David Carroll, Nhat Ho, Rob Schneider, Fisayo Fadelu, Karen Magid, Diana Wheeler, Melissa Rothrock, Karen Hadden

Board Members Absent:

Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Alexis Taylor

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.

- None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) March 24, 2021 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Hadden), second (Commissioner Ho), 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Chair and Vice Chair Elections (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Commissioner Ho made the motion to nominate Chair Commissioner White to another term, Commissioner Schneider seconds. Record of the vote: 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
 - Commissioner White made the motion to nominate Vice Chair Commissioner Coyne to another term, Commissioner Hadden seconds. Record of the vote: 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

- b) Energy Code Update Process – Kurt Stogdill, Austin Energy (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Provided overview of the energy code update process and schedule; code will increase energy efficiency in new construction.
 - Public comment process was open via Public Input for a month, and group will look to expand outreach in future based on feedback; aiming to get council approval on June 3, 2021
 - Will be taking additional steps, such as developing an affordability statement, updating green building system, and finding alternative ways to develop EV-ready and electric-ready construction.

- c) City of Austin Green Building Policy Update – Lucia Athens, City of Austin Office of Sustainability (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Provided overview of proposed update to the City of Austin Green Building Policy, which was an interdepartmental team effort to draft a policy that aims to reflect best practices and market trends, moves to net zero and healthy buildings, and aligns with city goals.
 - Feasibility analyses and/or guiding documents will be done for electric vehicle integration, electrification, embodied carbon, solar installation, and dual plumbing.

- d) PM2.5 Emissions Reduction Plan – Andrew Hoekzema, Capital Area Council of Governments (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Overview of PM2.5 emissions—including sources and health effects—and decision for regional participation in EPA PM Advance Plan.
 - Provided schedule and overview of process to update the Regional Air Quality Plan with PM-specific emissions reduction strategies.
 - Commissioner White made a motion to have a recommendation to support Austin City Council Action to reduce particulate matter, acknowledging that that PM pollution and public health issues disproportionately affect communities of color.

Commissioner Schneider seconds. Commissioner Ho proposed a friendly amendment to support issue on a higher level, and to ensure that the group follows CAPCOG recommendations on areas of focus, which include construction and unpaved parking lots and roadways.

- Record of the vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

- e) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Water and Wastewater Commission – briefing related to snowstorm and water boil notice, recommend commissioners look at backup for more details
 - Resource Management Commission discussed energy codes that were discussed in this meeting

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None discussed.

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Ho).

Meeting adjourns at 8:22 pm

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