



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2021**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a meeting on August 25, 2021 via videoconferencing.

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 5:41 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, David Carroll, Diana Wheeler, Alexis Taylor, Fisayo Fadelu, Solveij Rosa Praxis, Alberta Phillips

Board Members Absent:

Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Melissa Rothrock, Karen Magid, Karen Hadden

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Phoebe Romero, Marc Coudert

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) July 28, 2021 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Wheeler), second (Commissioner Taylor). Commissioner Phillips was off the dais and this vote did not take place.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion on upcoming in-person JSC meetings (Discussion and/or possible action)

- Commissioners discussed alternative locations, such as Austin Energy Town Lake, Austin Energy HQ at Mueller, or the Permitting and Development Center for meetings given lack of availability at City Hall
 - Discussion on looking into the possibility of hybrid meetings and/or meetings outside
- b) Austin Climate Equity Plan Implementation (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Did not get to this item due to lack of quorum
- c) Update on Climate Resilience and Resilience Hubs— Marc Coudert, Office of Sustainability – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Addressed this item prior to 2b
 - Incorporated community feedback into process, developed cost estimates based off national projects, and provided an overview for spending American Rescue Plan funding
 - Resilience hubs would serve as community hubs most of the time, and don't replace comprehensive emergency management planning
 - Commissioners discussed the importance of engaging the business community and other City departments, questions regarding cost estimates, developing an estimate of how many community members will be served by process, and the importance and support for direct financial assistance to communities
- d) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Did not get to this item due to lack of quorum

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None discussed

Commissioner Phillips and Commissioner Praxis left the dais; meeting ended without reaching all items.

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner White)

Meeting adjourns at 6:47 pm

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