

Community Climate Steering Committee

Meeting #2

July 9, 2014

Agenda

- 1. Introductions - 5 min**
- 2. Follow up from our last meeting. - 10 min.**
- 3. Draft public engagement plan - 15 min**
- 4. Discussion of Schedule and Upcoming Briefings - 30 min.**
- 5. Climate Change Projections for the City of Austin - 30 min**

Follow up from Meeting #1

Charter Statement

- **The Community Climate Steering Committee is convened to:**
 - **Lead and guide the development of a plan to achieve net zero community-wide GHG emissions by 2050 in order to reduce the negative economic, health, and environmental impacts from climate change**

- **This plan will be developed in a way that:**
 - **Is open and transparent**
 - **Balances the interests of the Austin community**
 - **Is realistic within the constraints of currently available information**
 - **Provides clear and compelling implementation pathways**
 - **Positions Austin as a climate leader**
 - **Gains support and adoption by the City Council in 2015**

Tasks

Review & Comment

- Results of 2014 Generation Plan Task Force
- Goals & objectives of 2007 Climate Resolution
- Public input and determine how to integrate
- Sector plans developed by technical advisory groups, and how reductions within each sector interact with each other

Advise

- Technology, cost / affordability, economic development opportunities, regional issues, behavior change, and city policy
- State and national trends and policies that inform our plan

Recommend

- Intermediate emission reduction targets
- Reporting types, processes, formats, metrics, schedules
- Tone, message, and strategy of the plan

Roles

- **Nominations please?**
 - Co-chairman (alongside myself)
 - Vice chairman
 - 4 TAG Liaisons: Waste, Transportation, Energy, Industry

- **Meetings will be run by Zach, with cameos by Lewis, Lucia, and Larry Schooler**

Other Potential Members?

- Dr. Jay Banner, director of UT's Environmental Science Institute
- Someone from AISD
- Someone from the Chamber of Commerce
- Someone representing state agencies as a major employer, Texas Facilities Commission or Texas Building and Procurement Commission
- Someone from TCEQ
- Someone from the tourism and/or entertainment industry
- More diversity

Technical Advisory Group Update

- Waste Kickoff Meeting – Friday, July 11th
- Transportation Kickoff Meeting - Monday, July 14th
- Energy Kickoff Meeting – Wednesday, July 16th
- Industrial Kickoff Meeting – Thursday July 17th

DRAFT Public Engagement Plan

Public Engagement Goals

- Provide transparency around the planning process
- Offer opportunities for comment and input
- Gain an understanding of community behavior to inform development of a realistic plan that can be successfully implemented
- Ensure public input from a diverse constituent pool

Transparency

- Web pages for the steering committee and each working group will contain:
 - Meeting Agendas
 - Approved Meeting Minutes
 - Presentations and other supporting materials
- Citizens can sign up to receive email notifications when new documents are posted
- A contact email will be provided to respond to citizen inquiries, comments or concerns

In-person Input Opportunities

- **Open Steering Committee Meetings to Interested Citizens:**
 - 1 meeting in early August – to obtain input at the outset of the planning process
 - 1 meeting in early December – to obtain input after analysis and recommendations from Technical Advisory Groups have been presented, but before drafting the final plan

- **Meetings-in-a-Box (October and November)**
 - After initial findings of the Technical Advisory Groups
 - Sent to targeted community organizations and associations for input from their membership
 - Used to shape Technical Advisory Group priorities and recommendations

General Public Participation in GHG Reductions

- **Surveys about behaviors that support GHG reductions:**
 - Home and business energy habits
 - Resource Recovery
 - Transportation habits
- Initial survey in August to inform the planning process
- Final survey in January based on plan recommendations to test the reality of our plan

Diverse Input

- **Conversation Corps (January)**
 - **Public engagement at locations across 10 Council districts**
 - **Discussion items centered around key topics from the draft plan**
 - **Facilitators capture main discussion points to share with Steering Committee**
 - **Input used shape the recommendations in the final Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan**

Timeline

- **July**
 - Create working group web pages
 - Set up capability to sign up for email notifications about the planning process
 - Establish contact information for citizen inquiries and comments
- **August**
 - Initial Survey of citizen behavior to support greenhouse reductions
 - Open Steering Committee Meeting for public to provide input on the planning process
- **September**
 - Meetings-in-a-Box planning and preparations
- **October**
 - Meetings-in-a-Box occur

Timeline

- **November**
 - Meetings-in-a-Box data analysis / reporting
 - Open Steering Committee Meeting for public input on Technical Advisory Group recommendations
- **December**
 - Final Survey of citizen behavior to support greenhouse reductions
 - Conversation Corps discussions planning and preparations
- **January**
 - Conversation Corps discussions occur
- **February**
 - Public input incorporated into final Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

Schedule and Upcoming Briefings

Next 10 Meetings

- Topic Briefings
 - TAG updates
 - Public input
 - Working sessions on strategies, reporting, interim targets, etc.
- July 21
 - August 4
 - August 18
 - September 1
 - September 15
 - September 29
 - October 13
 - October 27
 - November 10
 - November 24

Briefing Topics

1. City Plans in place (Imagine Austin, AE Gen Plan, Zero Waste Plan, Strategic Mobility Plan, etc.)
 2. Interim emission goals, national and global targets
 3. Carbon offsets
 4. Boundaries, accounting and calculation methodologies
 5. Metrics and Reporting on climate plans
 6. Economics and behavior change of climate change
 7. Emerging Energy and Transportation Technology
 8. The 2007 Climate Resolution, review and update
 9. Implementation processes and mechanisms, including political and business realities
 10. Mike Blackhurst research presentation on the state of climate planning
 11. Benchmarking presentation on best practices from other cities
 12. Energy TAG presentation
 13. Transportation TAG presentation
 14. Waste TAG presentation
 15. Industrial TAG presentation
 16. Cost to not cut emissions
- (4, 1, 11 - 2, 3, & 16)

Climate Change Projections