



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on April 27, 2016 at 625 E. 10th Street, Room 104 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jim Walker called the Board Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Jim Walker, Vice Chair Kaiba White, Kelly Davis, Tom Donovan, Erin Gooch, Stacy Guidry, Adrienne Haschke, Nhat Ho, Joep Meijer, Derrick Norris, Roberto Rondero de Mosier, Sabrina Santos Joplin

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Lewis Leff

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 30th meeting minutes were unanimously approved on Commissioner Haschke's motion and Commissioner Meijer's second.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no speakers for citizen communication.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3b. Adopt schedule (Discussion and/or possible action)

The chair took up this item first. After some discussion, there was a proposal to hold meetings every other month starting in May on the 4th Wednesday. This was approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Guidry and Seconded by Commissioner Ho. It was reiterated that a central location meeting is preferred if possible.

3a. Further discussion on the March 30, 2016 Austin Community Climate Plan Briefing, including the Implementation Plan. (Discussion and/or possible action)

The discussion began with a focus on the scale and impact of the "ongoing" Phase 1 actions, noting there is still a good opportunity to measure and quantify impacts. Commissioner Meijer noted it he'd like to see how quickly the City could move the "in development/high priority" actions into an ongoing program; making their voices heard through the budget process. There is a desire to identify constraints of resources or policy – what is the true barrier for each action for focus. Commissioner Santos Joplin mentioned a map of city projects could be useful, and that she has GIS skills to help.

There were comments about specific actions (BIE-1, BIE3, BIE-6, BIE-11) and that the commission members would like to add a column to the existing spreadsheet of actions to make additional notes. Chair Walker suggested creating working groups to go into each sector (1. electricity / natural gas, 2. transportation / land use, 3. materials and waste management) and give feedback on all 58 actions. There was mention of two way communication with department budget requests and the JSC to support important actions from the plan. Working groups should provide context and reasoning for suggestions back to the full committee. Other ideas included using affordability and equity as a lens for action reviews.

Rough proportionality is a big discussion in the transportation industry; how to quantify impacts from developments to share in sidewalk, bike lane, complete street costs. Agreement on having a parking lot for new ideas for future plan revisions; need to have a space for this (online or otherwise).

Idea was floated to ask departmental staff at the commission members' respective boards and commissions about their budget proposal and what needs support.

Commission asked staff to identify constraints where possible in the existing actions, and inquired about using online collaboration tools for working groups to have 'living' documents. Staff agreed to check in with the Clerk's Office and report back.

3c. Creation of committees and/or working groups (Discussion and/or possible action)

After the discussion on item 3a., on Commissioner Haschke's motion and Vice-chair White's second, three working groups were formed, (1. electricity / natural gas, 2. transportation / land use, 3. materials and waste management), to review strategies and which need funding or policy action. The working groups are to bring recommendations back to the full committee to discuss. There may be a desire to have a public meeting just to discuss recommendations before sending on to the full City Council. The commission also asked about how to inform the public as much as possible about the working group's meetings and materials, and the city staff agreed to look into options.

3d. Adopt bylaws (Discussion and/or possible action)

With the agreed upon schedule added in, Commissioner Meijer made the motion to adopt and Commissioner Rondero de Mosier seconded the motion.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Working group reports back to full committee; specifically anything with immediate budget impacts or needs
- Action process
- Forming a structure of the committee's work
- Updates from any discussion between the JSC members and their respective boards and commissions
- At some point the commission would like to incorporate updated climate science (adaptation) and new research

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jim Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. without objection.