



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
March 30, 2022**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a hybrid meeting on March 30, 2022 via videoconferencing and at City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, Diana Wheeler Vice Chair, Richard DePalma, Karen Hadden, David Carroll, Solveij Rosa Praxis, Alberta Phillips,

Board Members Absent or Unconfirmed:

Alexis Taylor, Karen Magid, Audrey Barrett, Melissa Rothrock, Fisayo Fadelu, Christy Williams

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Phoebe Romero

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The speakers who registered in advance for public comment have three minutes each to address items on the agenda at this time.

- Dale Bula
 - Discussed the opportunity with the new Infrastructure Bill to transition to clean energy and transportation.
- Brandi Clark Burton
 - Discussed the need to allocate resources to reach out to small and medium businesses in Austin regarding climate action. of Commerce.

- Scott Johnson
 - Discussed the Good Traveler Program and the opportunity to have a regional offset program.
- Amanda Carillo
 - Resident of McCall Lane; opposes the proposed jet fuel tank farm, which would be 430 feet from her home. Is concerned with health problems and lack of notice.
- Alicia Trejo
 - Resident living near the proposed jet fuel tank farm; opposes the proposal. Is very concerned about her family and children, and health effects of polluted air.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) February 23, 2022 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Hadden), second (Commissioner Praxis). Record of the vote: 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Chair Election – (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Commissioner DePalma nominates Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Hadden. Record of the vote: 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- b) Airport fuel tank expansion presentation (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - Overview on issue from Daniel Llanes, organizer with PODER and River Bluff Association chair
 - Noted parallels between Tank Farm located in the Govalle neighborhood and is concerned about the lack of notice; believes it's a moral issue.
 - Organizers worked with Council Member Fuentes to draft a resolution to relocate the jet fuel tank farm. Commissioner Hadden put together a draft resolution based off Council Member Fuentes' resolution.
 - Commissioner Hadden read the resolution. Recommends the City Manager be instructed
 - Strike authorization from the 2020 ABIA environmental assessment to relocate the fuel facility to west side of the airport, limit all storage to current footprint
 - Identify three alternative locations
 - Prepare a preliminary draft Environmental Assessment for alternate locations
 - Include environmental justice analysis
 - Provide robust City-led public participation
 - Bring back an alternative proposal for Council approval
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Hadden), second (Commissioner Phillips). Record of the vote: 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
 - Commissioners requested the airport present at the next meeting.

- c) Austin Climate Equity Plan Implementation Update, Zach Baumer, Office of Sustainability – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Touches on Item E (departmental questions) as well
 - Will kick off an implementation community group. Will be hiring consultant to lead a couple of workshops and include Stakeholder Power Mapping. Open to invite suggestions and will follow up with a date that works for people.
- d) JSC FY22-23 Budget Recommendations– (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Shared Resource Management Commission budget recommendation, which include:
 - Community Solar subsidy, funded by the Energy Efficiency Services fee
 - Research and development of a system as part of Austin Energy Green Building program to reduce the use of toxic building materials.
 - Commissioners approve the above along with the following:
 - Outreach to the Austin business community to share information and provide tools to improve sustainability
 - Antiracism and equity training for those involved in implementation of the Austin Climate Equity Plan
 - Implementing recommendations for an alternate location for ABIA fuel tank farm; and
 - Robust community engagement to implement the Austin Climate Equity Plan
 - Resources for each department to track and report metrics on implementation of the Austin Climate Equity Plan
 - Motion to approve (Commissioner Wheeler), second (Commissioner Praxis). Record of the vote: 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- e) Departmental presentation schedule and committee questions– (Discussion and/or possible action)
- City staff discussed decreasing the number of questions for departments
 - Commissioners discussed the potential to amend Bylaws again to give the Committee more oversight capabilities; could leverage the power of participating commissions
 - Climate Plan Working Group has room for one more member if other commissioners are interested
- f) Working Group Updates – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Issue discussed in item E
- g) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
- Urban Transportation Commission– Cole Kitten presented on Austin Strategic Mobility Plan update

- Design Commission – Equity tool from Climate Plan is being used for process historic preservation plan process
- Resource Management Commission – passed the budget recommendation shared and is working on recommendations for Fayette Coal Plant, can also share those

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None discussed

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Wheeler)

Meeting adjourns at 8:43 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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