



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 7:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peterson at 7:32pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Marten, Committee Member Siehr, Committee Vice Chair Smithies, Committee Member Wei, Chair Peterson

Members Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 5, 2018 and February 20, 2019

Approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-1. Sustainability Events

Claire Griffing provided an update on upcoming sustainability events.

4-2. Carbon-Free Albany Update

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update – Community Climate Solutions platform is undergoing site improvements that will make it more user-friendly and potentially solve some of the onboarding complications. Carrade will conduct more outreach to community groups once site upgrades are complete.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Green Infrastructure Presentation by Committee Member Siehr

Committee Member Siehr provided a presentation on green and blue infrastructure, and answered questions from the Committee.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, Matt Jones, and Aaron Frank.

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2019

Motion: Motion by Committee Member Peterson to elect Vic Chair Smithies as Chair for 2019.

AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Marten, Committee Member Siehr, Committee Vice Chair Smithies, Committee Member Wei, Chair Peterson

NOES: None.

Absent: None.



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Motion: Motion by Committee Member Smithies to elect Committee Member Siehr as Vice Chair for 2019.

AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Marten, Committee Member Siehr, Committee Chair Smithies, Committee Member Wei, Chair Peterson

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

6-2. Discussion and Possible Action on Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Subcommittee Recommendation

Staff provided an update on the work that has been done to date on the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, including stakeholder meetings and work with the consultants. The Climate Action Plan Subcommittee provided an update on their meeting about and the Committee provided feedback on proposed CAAP objectives and the definition of carbon neutrality.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, Ian MacLeod, Matt Jones, and Gailhart Rostrum.

6-3. Discussion and Possible Motion to Establish Ad Hoc Subcommittees to Review Proposed Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Strategies

The Committee established the following ad hoc subcommittees to review draft CAAP strategies and report back to the full Committee in April:

- **Transportation:** Larson, Marten, Wei
- **Building Energy:** Larson, Peterson, Wei
- **Adaptation/Resilience/Green Infrastructure:** Cooper, Siehr, Smithies
- **Consumption/Carbon-Free Economy:** Cooper, Siehr, Smithies

Staff will provide discussion guides for subcommittees.

6-4. Discussion and Possible Motion on Solano Avenue Complete Streets Planning Process

The Committee discussed the draft Complete Streets proposal for upper Solano Avenue, including concerns about the dangers of angled parking and requesting more focus on active transportation, electric vehicle charging, and green infrastructure. They supported further analysis of the cycletrack proposal.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordon, Gregory Hoff, Harry Chomsky, Amy Smolens, Aaron Frank, and Ian MacLeod.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Siehr, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to recommend to Council to reject the draft plan and revise it to be in sync with the Complete Streets Vision, the Active Transportation Plan, and the Climate Action Plan, incorporating the recommendations that have been made by multiple members of the public.



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AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Marten, Committee Member Siehr, Committee Chair Smithies, Committee Member Wei, Chair Peterson
NOES: None.
Absent: None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including:

- 7-1. Work Plan
- 7-2. CAAP Strategy Discussion

8. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.