



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE
City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 7:30 pm

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

Staff will bring minutes back next month with edits.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-1. Introduction of New Committee Member Allison Marten

Marten gave a brief personal introduction and was welcomed by the Committee.

4-2. Mandatory Advisory Body Training: February 25, 6:30-8:00pm

Claire Griffing provided an update – A mandatory training will be held for all advisory body members on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30PM in the Council Chambers.

4-3. Update on Council Strategic Planning Process

Griffing provided an update – The Albany City Council updates their Strategic Plan every two years. In January, they held a work session and study session. The plan will be adopted this spring.

4-4. Upcoming Sustainability Events

Griffing provided an update on upcoming events.

Griffing provided an update on East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) opt up and opt out rates and Local Development Business Plan (LDBP) implementation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

6-1. Proclamation in Appreciation of Committee Member Robert Uhrhammer

Motion: Motion by Chair Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to adopt a Proclamation of Appreciation for former Committee Member Robert Uhrhammer.



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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.

6-2. Climate Action Workshop Debrief and Update on Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Next Steps

The Committee discussed the Climate Action Workshop and next steps. Workshop takeaways included enthusiasm from the community and the interest in promoting and educating rather than enforcing. Consultants will develop goals, then strategies, then metrics for Committee review. The Committee had questions about green infrastructure; Committee Member Siehr will provide a presentation on the topic next month. The CAAP Subcommittee will meet to discuss goals and draft strategies, define carbon neutrality, and develop a vision statement. They will report back to the Committee in March.

Public comment was received from Susan Clifford, who attended the January workshop, and suggested focusing on regional coordination.

6-3. Discussion of Promotion of Carbon-Free Albany Platform

Griffing provided an update on the Carbon-Free Albany Platform. Staff have promoted through electronic media and presentations to community groups. The Outreach Subcommittee discussed plans for further promoting the platform, especially in the schools.

6-4. Review of Council-Approved Statement of Purpose and Draft 2019-2021 Work Plan

The Committee discussed their draft work plan and asked to add reviewing development projects and waste reduction initiatives.

6-5. Establish School Subcommittee

Motion: Motion by Committee Member Siehr, seconded by Vice Chair Smithies to establish a School subcommittee with Committee Member Marten and Vice Chair Smithies to act as a liaison between the schools and the Climate Action Committee.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Wei

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

Chair Peterson nominated Vice Chair Smithies to be chair, seconded by Committee Member Marten. Committee Member Cooper nominated Committee Member Wei to be chair. This item was deferred to a future meeting for discussion.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including:



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- 7-1. Chair selection (requested earlier in the agenda)
 - 7-2. Green infrastructure presentation by Committee Member Siehr
 - 7-3. Discussion of Climate Action & Adaptation Plan strategies
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- 8. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 7:30 pm
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- 9. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.