



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE - MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING – CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE STUDY SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smithies at 6:39pm.

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

Members Absent: None

2. CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION STRATEGY STUDY SESSION

2-1. Consultant Presentation

2-2. Energy Subcommittee Presentation

2-3. Committee Q&A

2-4. Transportation Subcommittee Presentation

2-5. Committee Q&A

2-6. Consumption/Carbon-Free Economy Subcommittee Presentation

2-7. Committee Q&A

2-8. Adaptation/Resilience Subcommittee Presentation

2-9. Committee Q&A

2-10. Public Comment

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, Nina Hegazy, Anne Nutt.

2-11. Committee Discussion

The Committee discussed the subcommittee presentations, and asked questions of and made suggestions to the consultants.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smithies at 8:44pm.

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

Members Absent: None



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2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 20, 2019
Approved.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Public comment was received from Nina Hegazy.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - 4-1. Sustainability Events
Claire Griffing provided an overview of upcoming sustainability events in the City.
 - 4-2. Carbon-Free Albany Update
Elizabeth Carrade provided an update – The platform upgrades are complete, but signups are still low. Committee Member Peterson will be promoting the platform at two upcoming City events: Senior Center Resource Expo & Earth Day Beach Cleanup.
 - 4-3. East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Update
Griffing provided an update – Albany’s opt out rate is low compared to other cities in Alameda County, and the Renewable 100 opt up rate is now the highest after City of Piedmont. EBCE will be reaching out to large commercial customers to encourage them to opt back in and/or opt up.
There will be a community meeting focused on reach codes on Wednesday, April 24 at 1947 Center St. in Berkeley.
EBCE is trying to get ahold of natural gas data, and is reaching out to large commercial customers to get ok to provide aggregated data to EBCE cities.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - 5-1. **Presentation on Building Construction Regulations**
Jeff Bond gave a presentation on the Planning and Zoning Regulations, California Building Standards Code, CALGreen, and California’s Energy Code, and explained the feasibility of building code amendments in the context of natural gas in new and existing buildings.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan.
6. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**
 - 6-1. **Approval of 2019-2021 Work Plan**
The Committee made the following additions to their draft work plan:



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- Make significant progress on policy measures to reduce natural gas and transportation emissions.
- Advise Council on near term actions to address climate change, such as restricting natural gas in new building construction, reducing transportation emissions, implementing a utility users' tax.

Motion: Motion by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Marten to approve the 2019-2021 Work Plan with the two edits.

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including:

7-1. Continue Conversation About Building Construction Regulations

7-2. Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Strategy Discussion

7-3. Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Visioning Exercise

8. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08pm.