



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Committee Member Breeding, Chair Larson, Vice Chair Marten, Committee Member Peterson.

Members Absent: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Wei

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 18, 2019

Approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Committee member announcements, reports and updates of status of previous agenda items.

4-1. Student Member Update

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update – A new student member should be appointed by the Board of Education before the November Climate Action Committee meeting.

4-2. Sustainability Events and Resources

Carrade provided an update on sustainability events and resources in the region.

Committee Member Peterson provided an update – Peterson shared what he learned from the San Jose Electrification Expo that occurred on October 12.

4-3. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update

Carrade provided an update – The City Council reviewed the draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) during their regular meeting on October 7, and provided feedback to staff. Staff is working with Cascadia Consulting Group to finalize edits and format the document. The Climate Action Committee will be reviewing the final CAAP during the November 20 Climate Action Committee meeting.

4-4. Report on Council Action on Solano Avenue Complete Streets Study

Jeff Bond provided an update – The City Council approved the Solano Avenue Complete Streets Study during their regular meeting on September 3, 2019.

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

5-1. Discussion of Draft Natural Gas Ban Ordinance -

Bond provided a brief overview of the draft ordinance that would amend Chapter 20 of the Albany Municipal Code, which would ban natural gas hookups in new construction. The ordinance closely resembles the ordinance that the City of Berkeley adopted in July



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2019, establishing all-electric requirements for new construction as a part of the City's Design Review process. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the ordinance on October 23.

Motion: Motion by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Chair Larson, to strongly endorse the ordinance and recommend adoption of the ordinance to City Council.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Chair Larson, Vice Chair Marten, Committee Member Peterson.

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Wei.

Public comment was received from Ian Macleod.

5-2. Green Building Update -

Carrade and Bond provided background on the CALGreen Tier 1 and Tier 2 checklists. The Committee decided not to make a recommendation to Council until further analysis of the differences between Tier 1 and Tier 2 has been conducted.

The Green Building Subcommittee will meet to discuss CALGreen voluntary tiers further before the November Climate Action Committee meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6-1. Presentation on CivicSpark and 2019-2020 Projects

Bianca Hutner provided a presentation on the CivicSpark program, and the projects she will be working on during the service year, including Carbon-Free Albany engagement, CAAP implementation, and sustainable procurement.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announce requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items.

7-1. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Final Review

7-2. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Implementation

7-3. StopWaste Presentation on Carbon Farming

7-4. Staff Presentation on Handheld Equipment

8. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 7:30 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

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