



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larson at 7:31pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Choi, Committee Member Cooper, Chair Larson, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wei

Members Absent: Vice Chair Marten

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2020

Approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Susan Clifford regarding the Recycling 101 community event.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4-1. Sustainability Events and Resources

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

4-2. EBCE Earth Day Art

Carrade provided an update - East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) invites community members to submit their Earth Day-inspired artwork design(s) for buttons and/or a poster. The selected buttons and posters will be available for distribution at EBCE's Earth Day events in April 2020. Artwork submissions are due no later than March 1, 2020. There will be a \$500 prize for chosen artwork.

4-3. Update on Sustainability Workshops

Carrade provided an update on the Recycling 101 event that was held on February 11. The Recycling 101 event recording and materials are available online at albanyca.org/recycle.

Bianca Hutner provided an update on the Electrification Workshop that was held on January 26.

4-4. CAAP Implementation Update (Quarterly)

Carrade provided an update on staff's progress on implementation of CAAP actions to date.

4-5. Natural Gas Ban Update

Carrade provided an update – Staff is waiting to pursue a natural gas ban while the City Attorney researches lawsuits against similar bans filed in multiple jurisdictions. Staff will



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continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they become available. In the meantime, staff is working on other strategies aimed at reducing emissions in the building sector, which may include adopting stricter CALGreen building measures.

Public comment was received from Patrice Ayme.

4-6. **2020 Tree Planting**

Carrade provided an update – On February 18, the Albany City Council authorized a contract to Commercial Tree Care Company to plant 106 new street trees at 90 locations throughout the City.

Public comment was received from Patrice Ayme.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

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

6-1. **Discussion on Motorized Garden Equipment –**

Claire Griffing provided an update to the Committee, including analysis of neighboring jurisdictions' policies related to motorized equipment. The Committee agreed by consensus to recommend against a ban on leaf blowers and suggested that staff instead conduct outreach to property owners and landscapers regarding concerns with motorized equipment use and suggesting alternatives.

Public comment was received from Cynthia Deng, Patrice Ayme.

6-2. **Green Building Update –**

Carrade provided an update on CALGreen analysis. The Committee discussed pursuing a piecemeal approach to adopting Tier 1 measures for both energy and non-energy measures. The Building Electrification/UUT subcommittee plans to further analyze the approach at their next convening, and report back to the Committee during the next Climate Action Committee meeting.

6-3. **Subcommittee Reports**

Staff Recommendation: Receive updates from subcommittees.

Urban Forestry: The Urban Forestry subcommittee provided an update on funding sources identified for tree planting and support.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, Patrice Ayme.

EV Action Plan: The EV Action Plan subcommittee identified initial priorities for an EV Action Plan and actions to increase electric vehicle and infrastructure adoption.

Public comment was received from Cynthia Deng, Patrice Ayme.



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Building Electrification/UUT: The Building Electrification/UUT subcommittee discussed opportunities for funding electrification incentives through a utility user tax (UUT). Preston Jordan provided information on possibilities for a UUT.

Public comment was received from Patrice Ayme.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee announced requests for future agenda items, including a Utility User Tax Discussion and Possible Recommendation, an EBCE Update, a Hill Development Update, and an Outreach Campaign Discussion.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:30 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

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