



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 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, Vice Chair Marten, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wei, Chair Larson

Members Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 20, 2020

Approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo regarding the carbon footprint of vessels.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4-1. COVID-19 Update

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update on the City's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, and sustainability program changes and progress.

4-2. Sustainability Events and Resources

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update on available home energy improvement rebates and incentives for contractors from BayREN, and gardening resources available at StopWaste.org/Gardening.

4-3. East Bay Community Energy Update

Carrade provided an update on the East Bay Community Energy Board-approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

4-4. Update on Utility User Tax (UUT)

Claire Griffing provided an update on the City Council action to put a utility user tax (UUT) on the November ballot.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

Vice Chair Marten provided an update to the Committee – Marten will be attending Harvey Mudd College starting in the fall, and will be formally resigning from her position on the Committee.



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

5-1. Green Building Update and Possible Recommendation –

Michelle Plouse updated the Committee on changes to the recommendation for CALGreen building code updates for new construction, renovations, and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The Committee directed the subcommittee to continue working on the green building code updates to include panel upgrades and permeable paving.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo and Preston Jordan.

5-2. EV Action Plan Discussion and Possible Recommendation –

Bianca Hutner presented the subcommittee's and staff's analysis of expected electric vehicle adoption rates and background for setting an electric vehicle adoption goal for Albany. The Committee agreed to have the subcommittee reconsider the assumptions of the model and bring the model back to the Committee for further discussion in September.

Public comment was received by Jeremiah Pinguelo.

5-3. Proclamation of Appreciation for Bianca Hutner –

Carrade read a Proclamation of Appreciation for Bianca Hutner.

Motion by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Vice Chair Marten, to pass and adopt a Proclamation of Appreciation for CivicSpark Climate Fellow Bianca Hutner.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6-1. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Quarterly Update and CivicSpark Update –

Staff provided an update on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan implementation to date and plans for implementation moving forward. Bianca Hutner provided an update on the projects she worked on during her CivicSpark service year.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee announced requests for future agenda items, a Green Building discussion, a discussion of Electric Vehicle adoption goals, Vice Chair election, and an update on single-use plastics.

8. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:30 pm.



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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm.

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