



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

MINUTES VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

Members Absent: Committee Member Breeding

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 20, 2021

MOTION by Vice Chair Chen, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited up to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

None.

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 regional sustainability events and resources.

4-2. Introduction of Committee Member Eric Larson

Committee Member Larson provided a brief personal introduction.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.



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

6-1. Potential Recommendation for Council Endorsement of The Climate Center's Climate Safe California Campaign

Ellie Cohen from The Climate Center provided a presentation about The Climate Safe California Campaign. The presentation detailed how greenhouse gas reductions and adaptation are necessary at a more rapid speed. The Committee discussed the Campaign and voted to recommend that the Albany City Council endorse the Climate Safe California Campaign.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Wooley, to recommend that the Albany City Council endorse The Climate Center's Climate Safe California Campaign.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

6-2. Update on Carbon-Free Albany Engagement

Carrade provided background on the Carbon-Free Albany platform, and shared opportunities for future engagement. The Committee discussed establishing an Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, consisting of Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, and Committee Member Wooley, to promote climate action through the Carbon-Free Albany platform.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Wooley, to establish an Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee to promote climate action through the Carbon-Free Albany platform.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

6-3. 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan

Jeff Bond provided an introduction to the work plan development process. The Committee discussed priority items to include on the work plan. Staff will incorporate feedback into a draft work plan for the Committee to discuss at the March 17 CAC meeting.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.



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MOTION by Vice Chair Chen, seconded by Committee Member Wooley, to extend the meeting to 9:50PM.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

MOTION by Committee Member Wooley, seconded by Vice Chair Chen, to extend the meeting to 10:00PM.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

6-4. Introduction to City Budgeting Process & Measure DD Appropriation Process

The Committee postponed discussion of this item to the March 17 meeting.

6-5. Subcommittee Updates

The Committee established a Zero Emissions Transportation Action Plan Subcommittee in place of the EV Action Plan Subcommittee. Committee Member Wooley joined the Zero Emissions Transportation Action Plan Subcommittee.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

MOTION by Committee Member Wooley, seconded by Committee Member Merchant, to establish the new Zero Emissions Transportation Action Plan Subcommittee to consist of Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson, and Committee Member Wooley.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wooley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including continuation of the 2021-2023 work plan and Measure DD Appropriation Process discussions. The Committee also requested an update on Earth Day 2021.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

8. NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2021, 7:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned around 10:00PM.



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