



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

MINUTES VIRTUAL MEETING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Choi at 7:30pm.

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

Members Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 17, 2021

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Merchant, to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

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 upcoming sustainability events and resources in the region.

4-2. Earth Day 2021

Carrade provided an update on City of Albany and regional Earth Day events and activities planned for the month of April.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.



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5. PRESENTATIONS

- 5-1. Update on Efforts to Reduce Use of Gas-Powered Garden Equipment –**
Michelle Plouse presented on the action taken to date to reduce use of gas-powered garden equipment. The Committee expressed interest in continuing the discussion of efforts to reduce use of gas-powered garden equipment at a future meeting.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

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

6-1. Climate Action Committee Meeting Time

The Committee discussed starting Climate Action Committee meetings at 7:00pm, rather than 7:30pm, and ending meetings at 9:00pm.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

MOTION by Vice Chair Chen, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to establish a meeting start time of 7:00PM, and a meeting end time of 9:00PM.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

6-2. Update on East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) –

Carrade provided an update on EBCE's electricity product options for 2022. The Committee will likely be asked in April or May to make a recommendation for Council on default electricity products for each customer category to take effect in 2022. The Committee discussed forming a subcommittee to explore the best electricity product options for Albany.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Merchant, to form the Electricity Rate Plan Subcommittee consisting of Vice Chair Chen and Committee Member Peterson.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.



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6-3. Introduction to City Budgeting Process for Measure DD –

Jeff Bond presented on the City's budgeting process and information on how the Committee can advise Council on Measure DD expenditures. The Committee will discuss budget priorities for the upcoming budget cycle at the April 2021 Climate Action Committee meeting.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

6-4. 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan

The Committee discussed priority items for the draft 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan. The Committee plans to finalize the work plan at its April meeting.

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

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

NOES: Committee Member Breeding

Absent: None.

MOTION by Committee Member Woolley, seconded by Merchant, to extend to 10:15PM

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

6-5. Subcommittee Updates

The Committee postponed subcommittee updates to the April meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. **NEXT MEETING:** April 21, 2021, 7:00PM

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM.

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