



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

Albany, CA 94706

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Merchant at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh

Members Absent: Chair Chen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 15, 2021

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Larson, to approve the September 15, 2021 minutes with a minor edit.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Vice Chair Merchant

NOES: None.

Absent: Chair Chen

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from David Wemmer and Lucinda Young.

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 Albany and the region.

Committee Member Peterson provided an update on the California Climate and Energy Collaborative Local Energy Resources Network monthly series, and available resources at CoolCalifornia.org.

4-2. Introduction of new Climate Action Committee Member

Committee Member Mira Venkatesh provided a brief personal introduction.

4-3. Introduction of new CivicSpark Climate Fellow

CivicSpark Fellow Johnny Menhennet provided a brief personal introduction.

4-4. Carbon-Free Albany Community Forum October 21, 2021

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Public comment was received from David Wemmer.



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Michelle Plouse provided an update on recent Council action: The City Council approved the Climate Action Committee's recommendation to allocate \$50,000 of Measure DD funding to the Multi-Family Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program.

5. PRESENTATIONS –

5-1. Presentation on HouseGrades Energy Ratings Program –

North Lennox from HouseGrades Energy Ratings Program provided an presentation on the program and explained what a pilot program could look like in Albany.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, to create a Point-of-Sale Electrification Mandate Subcommittee to explore implementation of point-of-sale requirements, consisting of Committee Member Peterson and Committee Member Venkatesh.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Vice Chair Merchant

NOES: None.

Absent: Chair Chen

Public comment was received from David Wemmer and Lucinda Young.

5-2. Presentation on Climate-Related Staffing and Department Structure –

Jeff Bond provided a presentation on the City of Albany staff structure, as well as the Community Development Department structure, with an emphasis on how staff structure influences Climate Action and Adaptation Plan implementation.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

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

6-1. Possible Amendment to Resolution No. 2020-127: A Resolution of the Albany City Council to Adopt Green Building Measures –

Michelle Plouse provided an update on a proposed amendment to Resolution No. 2020-127 to include mid-rise and high-rise buildings.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Vice Chair Merchant, to extend the meeting to 9:30pm.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Vice Chair Merchant

NOES: None.

Absent: Chair Chen

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MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, to recommend that the City Council update the City of Albany green building standards to include mid- and high-rise buildings.

AYES: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Vice Chair Merchant

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Chair Chen

6-2. Update on Recent Findings on Eucalyptus Tree Pathogen -

Jeff Bond provided an update on recent findings of a pathogen affecting Eucalyptus trees in Albany and the surrounding regions.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Larson, to extend the meeting to 9:40pm.

AYES: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Vice Chair Merchant

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Chair Chen

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

6-3. Subcommittee Updates -

Multifamily EV Charging Pilot Subcommittee: Committee Member Peterson provided a brief update.

Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee: Committee Member Larson and Vice Chair Merchant provided an update on the upcoming Carbon-Free Albany Community Leaders Forum.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including an update from the Point-of-Sale Electrification Mandate Subcommittee.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

8. NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2021, 7:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:32PM.