

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Committee Member Chen, Vice Chair Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member

Peterson, Chair Fisun

Members Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Larson

The Chair read the Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 16, 2022

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Chen, to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes.

AYES: Committee Member Chen, Vice Chair Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson,

Chair Fisun NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Larson

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 available in the City of Albany and Alameda County.

4-2. Update on Multifamily Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program

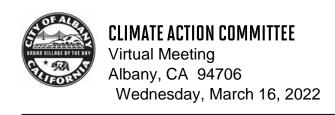
Michelle Plouse provided an update on the building owner focus group meeting held by staff and the March 29 tenant focus group meeting.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

4-3. Update on Electrification Rebate Program Proposal

Plouse provided an update on implementation of the Council-approved electrification rebate proposal.

Public comment was received from Lucinda Young.



5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. East Bay Community Energy Update

East Bay Community Energy staff, Alex DiGiorgio and Cait Cady, provided an update to the Committee on the accounts enlisted in each EBCE-offered product, and the change in account enrollment after the Renewable 100 default product opt-up that took effect on January 1, 2022.

Public comment was received from Lucinda Young, Signe Mattson, and Jeremiah Pinguelo.

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

6-1. Update on Natural Gas Ordinance

Staff provided an update on other, regional ordinances that have been adopted in the region. The Committee discussed potential ordinances and allowable exemptions, that could be successful in Albany. Staff will bring back an Albany-specific ordinance in the summer/fall.

Public comment was received from Lucinda Young and Jeremiah Pinguelo.

6-2. Update on City of Albany Earth Day 2022

Carrade shared the City of Albany's Earth Day webpage, www.AlbanyCA.org/EarthDay, and the City's planned events and activities available to the community during the month of April.

Public comment was received by Jeremiah Pinguelo and Lucinda Young.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Chair Fisun, to extend the meeting to 9:30PM.

AYES: Committee Member Chen, Vice Chair Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Fisun

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Larson

6-3. Update on Urban Forestry Master Planning Process

Johnny Menhennet provided an update to the Committee on the forthcoming Street Tree Master Plan, including the proposed timeline and Plan elements. The Committee provided feedback to staff.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

6-4. Subcommittee Updates

Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee: Fisun, Larson, Merchant NA

Zero Emission Transportation Subcommittee: Larson, Peterson Committee Member Peterson provided an update on the subcommittee's research and action taken to date.

Point-of-Sale Electrification Mandate Subcommittee: Mira-Venkatesh, Peterson Peterson provided an update on the subcommittee's progress with outreach and research.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including a potential EV police car pilot project, and a discussion of an all-electric ordinance.

Public comment was received from Lucinda Young.

8. NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2022, 7:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26PM.