MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Members Present: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Hodges, Committee Member Lieberman, Vice Chair Meldgin, Committee Member Vigil-McClanahan, Chair Mohammed

Members Absent: 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:

May 17, 2023

MOTION by Committee Member Lieberman, seconded by Committee Member Fisun, to approve the May 17, 2023 minutes.

AYES: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Hodges, Committee Member Lieberman, Vice Chair Meldgin, Committee Member Vigil-McClanahan, Chair Mohammed

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Larson

Abstain: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Committee members provided announcements, reports, and updates of status of previous agenda items, including the new Compost Hub at the Gill Tract Community Farm providing free compost on Sundays, and an update on the street tree community viewer (www.albanyca.org/sustainability --> Sustainability Events and Resources).

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

6-1. Proposed Amendments to General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Modifying Off-Street Parking Requirements

Jeff Bond provided a presentation on proposed amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance that would reduce the requirements for off-street parking in a number of scenarios.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson.

MOTION by Vice Chair Meldgin, seconded by Committee Vigil-McClanahan, to recommend that the City Council approve amendments to the Transportation Element of the General Plan and amendments to Chapters 20.20 and 20.28 of the Zoning Ordinance to modify off-street parking requirements.

AYES: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Hodges, Committee Member Lieberman, Vice Chair Meldgin, Committee Member Vigil-McClanahan, Chair Mohammed

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Larson

Abstain: None.

6-2. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Albany

Elizabeth Carrade provided a presentation on the successes, challenges, and opportunities for increasing adoption of electric vehicles and access to electric vehicle charging in the City.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson.

6-3. Presentation on Electric Heat Pumps

Committee Member Meldgin provided a presentation on electric heat pumps and how their electricity use, and electricity pricing, impacts the City. Committee Member Meldgin shared that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) must adopt new electricity rates, including income-based fixed charges, by July 2024.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson.

6-4. Climate Literacy Curriculum Resolution Proposal to AUSD Board

Committee Member Fisun and Chair Mohammed, the Student Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, presented a draft resolution on climate literacy curriculum for the Albany Unified School District Board.

MOTION by Vice Chair Meldgin, seconded by Committee Vigil-McClanahan, to extend the meeting to 9:15PM.

AYES: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Hodges, Committee Member

Lieberman, Vice Chair Meldgin, Committee Member Vigil-McClanahan, Chair

Mohammed **NOES:** None.

Absent: Committee Member Larson

Abstain: None.

Public comment was received from Lucinda Young and Nick Peterson.

6-5. Subcommittee Updates

Environmental Justice Subcommittee – None.

Zero Emission Transportation Subcommittee – Planning to reach out to Richmond Transportation to learn about their successful EV charger installs in public right-of-ways.

MOTION by Committee Member Vigil-McClanahan, seconded by Committee Member Lieberman, to extend the meeting to 9:25PM.

AYES: Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Hodges, Committee Member Lieberman, Vice Chair Meldgin, Committee Member Vigil-McClanahan, Chair Mohammed

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Larson

Abstain: None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including an update on CAAP implementation, and a presentation on the EBCE incentive finder tool.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson and Lucinda Young.

8. NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2023

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25