



COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING WITH NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION
6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Hicks.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Margaret Abe-Koga, Pat Showalter, and Chair Alison Hicks.

Absent: None.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion—M/S Abe-Koga/Showalter—Carried 3-0—To approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mila Zelka asked the City to consider the organization Manzanita Works as a potential community partner to work toward transportation mode-shifts in the City.

Giulianna Pendleton encouraged the City to address light pollution, particularly related to LED lights.

Shani Kleinhaus spoke about light pollution and proposed creating new maximums for lighting to conserve energy and address light pollution, possibly through a City ordinance.

Gita Dev encouraged the City to display sustainability metrics for the public to track progress toward goals and encouraged more interdepartmental coordination on sustainability to support green streets.

Bruce England spoke in support of induction stovetops and creating a program to buy or rent them cheaply as well as tracking how many are being used by the community.

Kevin Ma discussed the VTA budget and encouraged shifting dollars away from highway improvements and toward transit and active transportation projects and programs.

Bruce Naegel encouraged the City to track and display sustainability metrics that are grounded in the City's goals and show what actions are proving successful.

Hala Alshahwany spoke about the City's ongoing removal of Heritage trees for various projects and asked for more thorough tracking of the number of trees removed, the number of trees planted, and overall canopy coverage in Mountain View.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**—None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **PANDEMIC TRAVEL PATTERNS AND POSTPANDEMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

Transportation Manager Ria Lo presented about changes in pandemic travel patterns and opportunities to leverage those changes to create more sustainable travel patterns in the future, including increasing transit use and active transportation. Ms. Lo and Public Works Director Dawn Cameron responded to the Committee's questions.

Speaking from the floor in support and/or with recommendations:

- Bruce England
- Bruce Karney
- Albert Jeans
- Kevin Ma
- Daniel Hulse
- Adina Levin
- Gita Dev
- Mary Dateo

The Committee discussed this item.

6.2 **SEA LEVEL RISE AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION EFFORTS**

Assistant Public Works Director Lisa Au presented about the 12 current and proposed projects to mitigate the impacts of sea level rise and provided an update on several ongoing projects. Ms. Au and Senior Project Manager Raymond Wong responded to the Committee's questions.

Speaking from the floor in support and/or with recommendations:

- Gita Dev
- Shani Kleinhaus
- Adina Levin
- Eileen McLaughlin

The Committee discussed this item.

6.3 SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN 4 STATUS UPDATE

Sustainability Analyst II Lauren Anderson presented about the progress on Sustainability Action Plan 4 since the May 11, 2021 update to the City Council, which included progress on both the new and already approved actions in the Plan. The presentation also previewed significant upcoming initiatives. Ms. Anderson, Sustainability Coordinator Steve Attinger, and Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officer Audrey Seymour Ramberg responded to the Committee's questions.

Speaking from the floor in support and/or with recommendations:

- Julianna Pendleton
- Gita Dev
- Bruce Naegel
- Bruce England

The Committee discussed this item.

6.4 CARBON-NEUTRAL TARGET DATE DISCUSSION

Mr. Attinger presented about the option to move the City's carbon-neutral target date from 2045 up to 2030 based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recommendations related to greenhouse gas reductions. Mr. Attinger and Ms. Ramberg responded to the Committee's questions.

Speaking from the floor in support and/or with recommendations:

- Bruce Karney
- Kevin Ma
- Gita Dev
- Mary Dateo

The Committee discussed this item.

7. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee member Showalter commented on the opportunity to look at climate restoration projects and carbon sequestration in order to meet climate goals.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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