



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Climate Action Plan 2.0 Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 28, 2017

6:30 PM

Sunnyvale Community Center
(Community Room), 550 E. Remington Dr,
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

CALL TO ORDER

Elaine Marshall, Environmental Programs Manager, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Member Mandy Abend
Member John Cordes
Member Marie Curtis
Member Sue Harrison
Member Stephen Joesten
Member Padmavathy Mahadevan
Member Sue Serrone
Member James Tuleya
Member Drew Wenzel
Member Kristel Wickham

Absent: 1 - Member Anne Ashini Fernando

Alternate Members Andrew Ma, Jasneet Sharma, and Douglas Kunz
– Present

Member Mandy Abend arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Member Anne Ashini Fernando's absence is excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Cruz, a journalism student at Stanford University and reporter for Peninsula Press, stated that she was attending as she was hoping to write an article about this meeting. She requested permission to take photographs and videotape portions of the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

[17-0948](#) Welcome

Elaine Marshall welcomed the primary and alternate members of the CAC to the meeting and announced that she would serve as acting Chair of the meeting, as officers have not yet been elected by the CAC.

[17-0949](#) Introductions

CAC members, alternate members, and City staff introduced themselves.

[17-0945](#) CAP 2.0 Overview

Melody Tovar, Interim Director of Environmental Services, provided a history of the adopted CAP (CAP 1.0), a summary of the City's community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, highlights of CAP implementation, the rationale for CAP 2.0, and the path forward and timing for developing CAP 2.0. Ms. Tovar stated that the CAC would hold 6-8 meetings between now and December 2018.

James Tuleya, CAC member, observed that nearly three years will have elapsed from the time that Council identified the need to "do more and faster" on the CAP (May 2016) to the soonest time to start implementation of CAP 2.0 (post-December 2018). He noted that while CAP 2.0 development is necessary in guiding the path forward, and CAP 1.0 implementation was underway, City staff, residents, and volunteers should take additional actions simultaneously to address climate change locally.

[17-0946](#) Ideation for 2017 Bloomberg Mayors Challenge

Nupur Hiremath, Sustainability Coordinator, and Elaine Marshall presented background information on Sunnyvale's participation in the 2017 Bloomberg Mayors Challenge, noting that this effort parallels CAP 2.0 development as well as program development by Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE). The problem the City plans to address focuses on decarbonizing buildings, a climate strategy that is anticipated to be a key part of CAP 2.0.

Ms. Marshall led a brainstorming session to identify barriers and potential solutions to the problem of decarbonizing buildings through fuel switching. CAC members and alternate members generated ideas that were consolidated by staff. Key solutions proposed by CAC members included: using peer learning to educate residents about heat pump water heaters (HPWHs); bulk buy programs; ordinances to support promote all-electric homes; and broad community outreach (including engaging children, providing data, leveraging social media).

Ms. Marshall stated that staff would consolidate the excellent feedback provided by the CAC as the application was developed. Ms. Tovar offered to share the completed application with the CAC after it was submitted to Bloomberg Philanthropies.

[17-0950](#) Next Steps for CAC Launch

Elaine Marshall previewed the next meeting's agenda, tentatively set for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Community Center. The tentative meeting agenda includes: an introduction to the consultant; a review of CAC policies and procedures; a review of Brown Act requirements; and the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Elaine Marshall adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.