

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2023
5:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Allen Smart, Lee Stackhouse, Denise Terry, Christy Robinson, Carter Berry, Rajesh Kapileshwari, James Mitchell

Committee Members Absent: Leah Lavin, Jordan Brewster, Amber Baker

Attendance of City Staff: Helen Peplowski

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Allen Smart, Chair, at 5:05 pm.

Welcome to new member James Mitchell and introduction of members in attendance.

Lee Stackhouse moves to pass December minutes, Rajesh seconds. June minutes pass unanimously.

Carter Berry reviews the Climate & Energy Subcommittee meeting and work. The members drafted a resolution based on discussions from the subcommittee meeting to encourage the city with short-, medium- and long-term goals that move the organization towards the goals from the [November 2020] resolution. Discussion follows about specific items included in the resolution and possible updates.

Allen asks if this resolution is duplicative of anything already in existence. Helen shares information about the Internal Sustainability Action Plan (ISAP) and her intention to update the entire plan beginning next fiscal year. This plan covers topics included in the Climate & Energy Subcommittee draft resolution. James Mitchell proposes the resolution is written to support the goals of that plan. Discussion follows about this proposed change. A brief clarification is provided of the desire for the resolution to push implementation of certain actions this calendar year. Discussion follows about further changes to the phrasing of the resolution.

Rajesh asks if Helen believes 2030 targets are achievable. She says depending on federal funding assistance, yes. Discussion follows, with points related to federal funding opportunities and project planning related to those opportunities.

Committee members review the next steps and timeline for the subcommittee's resolution. They plan to make changes discussed and take it to the [Community Development/Housing] General Government Committee as an Information Item to get initial feedback from City Council.

Rajesh reviews the Transportation Subcommittee meeting and work. The members drafted a resolution to address the transportation goals of the November 2020 resolution by focusing on zero emissions vehicle acquisition. He explains the reasoning behind the specific of the

subcommittee resolution. Christy asks if buses would fall under this resolution as well. Generally, WSTA is outside of the oversight of this committee, so it would not necessarily be the best approach. A brief discussion follows about how considerations for heavy duty vehicles.

James asks if plans about fleet vehicles will be included in Helen's sustainability plan, which they will.

Allen makes recommendations for more general wording. A discussion follows.

Christy asks if the committee would support combining the two resolutions into one. Rajesh expresses support, as does James since both resolutions also cover topics included in the ISAP. A discussion follows about the recommendation for consolidation. Helen recommends identifying the top points from each subcommittee resolution to create the new resolution. James adds that they can include support for the ISAP to cover most of the ideas from the subcommittee resolutions to keep it concise. Another discussion follows to better clarify whether to prioritize conciseness versus specificity in the new resolution. There is also discussion about whether this resolution will have budgetary impact.

The committee agrees to combine the subcommittee resolutions into one.

Helen shares that there are no updates on the Urban Heat Island Mapping campaigns.

Rajesh that based on the original CSPC resolution the committee should be meeting monthly. A discussion follows, no conclusion was reached.

Rajesh shared information from another group of citizens about an upcoming op-ed article in the paper that requests the city prioritize environmental goals, justice, equity, etc. in the hiring process for the City Manager. This group is looking for support from the CSPC for the op-ed piece. Helen says it is likely not appropriate for this group to support such a political piece as the committee formally represents the city organization.

Helen shares that the Planning Department is seeking to have a meeting with the CSPC related to the comprehensive planning process and that there may be an interim meeting called for this purpose. The purpose will be to give an overview of the process and involvement they are seeking from the committee, not a formal input session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06.