

Environment and Sustainability Task Force Special Called Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: July 7, 2021
Convened: 2:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 3:25 p.m.*

Task Force Members Present:

Sandy Greyson, **Chair**
Rita Beving, **Vice-Chair**
Dr. Maria Boccalandro
Alan Hoffmann
Michael Martin
Janette Monear
Tony Robinson
Pamela Rogers
Aaryaman Singhal
Raphaella Silva
Tracy Wallace

Task Force Member(s) Absent:

Drew Campbell
Phil Crone
Erryn Hopson
Ples Montgomery, IV

Staff Present:

Susan Alvarez, OEQS, Task Force Staff Liaison
Michael Gange, OEQS, Director
Pharr Andrews, OEQS
Katy Evans, OEQS
Kevin Overton, OEQS

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Chair called the Environment and Sustainability Task Force Special Called Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Dallas City Hall, via TEAMS Virtual Meeting Service, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. FY 21-22 Implementation Work Plan- Ecosystems & Green Space, Food & Urban Agriculture, Air Quality

Susan Alvarez continued from the previous meeting with an overview of the remaining sectors in the proposed FY21-22 Implementation Work Plan. The draft plan will undergo review by the Task Force and relevant City departments and will be brought forward for final review in August.

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The task force identified priorities, concerns, and areas of opportunity related to each sector.

Ecosystems & Green Space--

- Create an Open-Space Plan to help guide the implementation of Goal 6 actions;
- Increase community outreach;
- Implement projects to promote blue-green infrastructure;
- Increase business outreach and engagement; expand beyond current City Business Climate Alliance partnership;
- Consider Equity related to areas of opportunity for increasing green spaces throughout the City:
 - Two projects already underway in CD #3, using money from the Reforestation Fund
- Consider rain gardens for irrigation in new development and public spaces which would help with flood mitigation *and* maintenance of green spaces;
- Collect reliable data and assess the need to prioritize protection of established mature trees in certain areas as opposed to planting all new trees.

Food & Urban Agriculture--

- Coordinate with partners in each level of the food supply chain
 - May be achieved through proposed expansion of the Food Advisory Council
- Evaluate code changes to allow residents to sell surplus produce from private gardens
- Evaluate code changes to provide more options to restaurants and grocers for disposal or reuse of food at the end of its life cycle
- Assess opportunities for transportation to connect people/neighborhoods more effectively to food
- Investigate opportunities to acquire land for commercial greenhouses in food deserts.

Air Quality—

- Encourage TCEQ to do more to address DFW's ozone non-attainment status and pending re-designation;
- Provide support for stricter state and federal regulations on air emissions from industries;
- Rezone concrete batch plants and other nuisance industries sited near residential areas
- Explore more opportunities to reduce single passenger trips;
 - Increase parking in downtown and increase safe, affordable and efficient public transportation options for trips with origin/destination in the City of Dallas;
- Speed up the transition to EVs
- Create a comprehensive database through Code Enforcement to track and monitor emissions-producing entities, their permits and permit requirements, expiration dates, etc. so the City can be more proactive in mitigating the impacts of polluters.

3. Meeting Wrap-Up

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by: Alan Hoffmann

Motion seconded by: Maria Boccalandro

The July 7, 2021 Environment and Sustainability Task Force Special Called Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. (*per Teams Chat records).

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APPROVED BY:

Sandy Greyson

Chair
Environment & Sustainability Task Force

ATTEST:



Task Force Staff Liaison
Environment & Sustainability Task Force