

Environment and Sustainability Task Force Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: October 16, 2020
Convened: 1:06 p.m.
Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

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

Task Force Member(s) Absent:

Phil Crone
Erryn Hopson
Michael Martin
Ples Montgomery, IV

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Susan Alvarez, OEQS, Task Force Staff Liaison
Sheila Delgado, Director (I) OEQS
Pharr Andrews, OEQS
Katy Evans, OEQS
Brittany Hailey-Wells, OEQS
Kevin Overton, OEQS

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Chair called the Environment and Sustainability Task Force meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2020 at Dallas City Hall, via TEAMS Virtual Meeting Service, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments received.

3. Approval of Meeting Record of September 25, 2020 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2020 meeting

Motion by: Janette Monear

Motion seconded by: Tracey Wallace

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4. Grant Discussion

Rita Beving asked several questions about the list of public grants. Clarification was provided by Sue Alvarez -- the definition of “applied and awarded,” is to be interpreted as “received funding or technical assistance, i.e. consultants,” and the VW grant money will be allocated to *charging infrastructure*. Sue also answered questions from Rita related to the committee’s role in identifying grant opportunities and partners for CECAP.

Aaryaman Singhal asked about the cost of charging stations. No exact amount was given, but Sue estimated at least \$5,000.

Dr. Maria Boccalandro shared information about the EPA Region 6 Building Blocks grant.

Tracey Wallace asked about the City’s intended use of the C40 City-Business Alliance Grant. Sue provided information about the grant.

Pharr Andrews provided more information on the VW grant and cost of charging stations. Pharr also discussed the use of the additional \$100,000 in the budget to be used for a fleet electrification plan.

Alan Hoffman commented on the task force’s role in taking suggestions to Council, and he proposed future discussions to identify low-hanging fruit.

5. Implementation Plan Discussion

Pharr Andrews and Katy Evans presented on the Implementation Plan. Pharr and Katy reviewed the focus areas for year one, the development of the work plan, and recommendations received from the task force so far.

Tony Robinson provided more information on his recommendation for a “resource conservation core,” which is essentially an education and outreach initiative.

Alan Hoffman recommended a required permit and radiant barrier for roof replacements. Sue Alvarez suggested that this recommendation be a part of existing actions. Sue will look state/federal legislation that might hinder implementation of the mandate. Tracey Wallace suggested bringing in students/universities to do a baseline study for addressing poverty through weatherization. Sue will provide more information on the Low-Income Home Improvement program.

Dr. Maria Boccalandro commented on the need for job opportunities in energy-efficiency and DCCCD’s commitment to support job growth measures.

Aaryaman Singhal commented on the need to prioritize renewable energy generation. Texas will need a shift in the grid and market in order to successfully transition to renewables. There was discussion about how to shift the grid. Aaryaman also recommended prioritizing mixed-use development and equitable zoning practices.

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The task force will make recommendations on the Land Use Plan and other relevant City environmental plans outside of CECAP.

6. Task Force Next Steps

Rita Beving provided additional recommendations for submetering and a residential solar program for disadvantaged communities. The committee will request that these items be presented with additional information.

Recommendations may change based on input from City departments and other stakeholders who will be leading year one activities.

The task force will present the work plan, as is, to the ENVS Committee in November, with the proviso that the task force may identify additional recommendations when more information is received on the proposals presented in this meeting.

The task force will identify additional funding opportunities.

7. Meeting Wrap-Up

The task force will present the work plan, as is, to the ENVS Committee in November, with the proviso that the task force may identify additional recommendations when more information is received on the proposals presented in this meeting. More information will be included in materials for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by: Dr. Maria Boccalandro

Motion seconded by: Pam Rogers

Passed by majority.

The October 16, 2020 Environment and Sustainability Task Force Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Chair
Environment & Sustainability Task Force

Task Force Staff Liaison
Environment & Sustainability Task Force