

Environment and Sustainability Task Force Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: May 21, 2021
Convened: 1:09 p.m.
Adjourned: 2:37 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Sandy Greyson, **Chair**
Rita Beving, **Vice-Chair**
Dr. Maria Boccalandro
Alan Hoffmann
Michael Martin
Tony Robinson
Pamela Rogers
Tracy Wallace

Task Force Member(s) Absent:

Drew Campbell
Phil Crone
Erryn Hopson
Janette Monear
Ples Montgomery, IV
Raphaella Silva
Aaryaman Singhal

Staff Present:

Susan Alvarez, OEQS, Task Force Staff Liaison
Joey Zapata, CMO
Errick Thompson, Building Services Division (BSD)
Michael Gange, OEQS
Pharr Andrews, OEQS
Katy Evans, OEQS
Kevin Overton, OEQS
Brittany Wells, OEQS

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Chair called the Environment and Sustainability Task Force meeting to order at 1:09 p.m., Friday, May 21, 2021 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 April 12, 2021 Meeting

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Motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021 Meeting

Motion by: Dr. Maria Boccalandro

Motion seconded by: Alan Hoffmann

4. Updates on Environmental Commission and Urban Forest Master Plan

Susan Alvarez provided an update on the Environmental Commission and the Urban Forest Master Plan.

The ordinance establishing an Environmental Commission was approved by Council on April 28, 2021. Council nominations will begin in the Fall (August/September) to be approved by October 1st. The technical panel will be nominated by OEQS under the advisement of the EAS-TF. The City Council will approve the membership of the new commission. Task force members should contact Chair Sandy Greyson if they would like to be a member of the Environmental Commission.

The Urban Forest Master Plan is on the Council agenda for the May 26, 2021 meeting.

5. Update on 2021 Texas Legislature

Rita Beving provided an update on proposed bills in the 87th Texas Legislative Session that may potentially impact the CECAP and other climate plans. Bills of *concern* include SB1261, HB17, HB610, and HB1501. Bills of *benefit* include SB1210, HB4120, and HB4472. The complete overview is available in the meeting recording. Task force members are encouraged to follow the legislative session and related bills at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

6. Review of FY 2021 Proposed Work Plan by CECAP Sectors: Buildings & Energy

Erick Thompson (Director, BSD) provided an update on two upcoming Council agenda items related to the Energy goals in the CECAP. The first item is to authorize participation in Oncor's Efficiency Program, which would provide rebates to the City to initiate energy efficiency projects in municipal buildings. The second is an amendment to the energy contract with TXU. The amendment aims to establish the value of excess energy exported to the grid from solar panels on City facilities. This value is variable and depends on the cost of electricity on the grid at any given time.

Tracy Wallace asked about opportunities for job training related to future energy efficiency projects. Opportunities will be considered as a part of feasibility studies for proposed energy projects and the Sustainable Procurement Program.

Michael Martin requested information on the City's inventory of buildings that have potential for solar panels. Per Erick, there are around 225 buildings in the City's inventory that are most suitable for solar— including libraries, recreation centers, City Hall, fire stations, and others. BSD will begin benchmarking these facilities and conducting feasibility studies in the Fall as a part of the implementation of the new Energy Management Program.

Pharr Andrews presented the FY 2021 goals and targets for the Energy sector.

Michael asked about key partners for implementation of E3. Per Pharr, Oncor and Atmos have both expressed interest in being partners. Michael suggested that other strategic partnerships are

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needed to extend the reach and offered his assistance to identify and network with potential stakeholders in the business sector.

Sue provided information on two upcoming projects related to community solar. The first is a collaborative effort with Housing to include solar panels on six units as a part of a forgivable loan used for affordable housing construction. The second is a competitive bid for implementing solar on the closed portions of the Deepwood Landfill. Workforce training and potential green jobs production are written into these pilot projects.

7. Meeting Wrap-Up

Sandy and Rita will email the schedule for upcoming budget meetings to the Task Force. There are three remaining meetings for the EAST-TF (June, August, and September). These meetings will focus on recommendations for appointments to the Environmental Commission and recommendations for priority items for next year's CECAP Work Plan.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by: Dr. Maria Boccalandro

Motion seconded by: Alan Hoffmann

Passed by majority.

The May 21, 2021 Environment and Sustainability Task Force Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Sandy Greyson

Chair
Environment & Sustainability Task Force

Alan Hoffmann

Task Force Staff Liaison
Environment & Sustainability Task Force