



SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee Consolidation

Item #25

City Council A Session

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Background

- On June 22, 2017, City Council passed [Resolution No. 2017-06-22-0031R](#) in support of the Paris Climate Agreement; directing city staff to develop a plan to help San Antonio meet the objectives of this agreement. Approximately two years later, on October 17, 2019, City Council adopted the SA Climate Ready Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) by [Ordinance 2019-10-17-0840](#).
- Two externally recruited committees were established: a Technical and Community Advisory Committee and a Climate Equity Advisory Committee.
- Members of both committees were selected based on technical expertise in elements related to climate mitigation and adaptation or other important areas related to plan implementation; representation of important perspectives; and an interest in collaboration to bring about successful outcomes.
- On October 8, 2020, City Council approved the full slate of recommended candidates for the Technical & Community Advisory Committee and the Climate Equity Advisory Committee.

Challenges



The Office of Sustainability experienced several challenges with the two committee structure:

- Having Climate Equity as a separate committee created confusion regarding roles and has diminished the ability to center overall committee work on climate equity;
- Limited staff capacity to manage the logistics of two separate committees with thirty-five (35) total members;
- Difficulty meeting quorum for the Climate Equity Advisory Committee; and
- At-large membership is not consistent with current City Boards and Commissions standards and does not provide the needed Mayor and City Council engagement with individually appointed members.

Restructure Proposal

- The committee will continue to champion and advise City Council, the Mayor, and the Office of Sustainability around climate equity and the goals and strategies of the CAAP.
- (17) members: Ten (10) City Council Appointees, Two (2) Members* appointed by the Mayor, Five (5) Ex-Officio Organizational members from CPS Energy; JBSA; San Antonio Water System; VIA Metropolitan Transit; and the San Antonio River Authority.
- Term appointments are two-years, concurrent with the end of the current City Council term.



* Includes one (1) appointee from the Mayor's Youth Engagement Council for Climate Initiatives.



Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance merging the SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory and Technical & Community Advisory Committees and establishing the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee consisting of Ten (10) City Council Appointed Members, One (1) Member appointed by the Mayor, One (1) Mayor's Youth Engagement Council for Climate Initiatives (MYECCI) Member appointed by the Mayor, and Five (5) Ex-Officio Organizational members from CPS Energy; San Antonio Water System; VIA Metropolitan Transit; San Antonio River Authority, and Joint Base San Antonio.



Questions

Thank you!