

MEETING MINUTES
SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee
January 27, 2022
4:00 PM
Virtual – WebEx

SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee Members:

Aaron Arguello* At large	Diana Lopez-Perez* At large
Dr. Adelita Cantu At large	Vacant At large
Anacua Garcia At large	Joshua Scott At large
Jesus Garcia-Gonzalez At large	Dr. Joseph Simpson At large
Harjot Kaur At large	Tristan Tovar At large

**Indicates Not Present*

Office of Sustainability Staff: Douglas Melnick, Julia Murphy, Minerva Defee, Murray Myers
Office of Equity Staff: Jonathan Malagon
Facilitator: Lupita González

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Douglas Melnick at 4:05 p.m.

II. Public Comments

No citizens signed up to be heard.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minerva Defee presented the minute meetings from August 2nd, 2021, for approval. Minutes were sent to committee members ahead of time and were attached to the January meeting agenda.

Motion: Garcia-Gonzalez motioned for approval.
Simpson seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Cantu, Garcia, Garcia-Gonzalez, Kaur, Scott, Simpson, Tovar
Nays: None
Absent: Arguello, Lopez-Perez

Action: Motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

IV. Individual Items for Consideration

Update on 2022 Bond Program:

The Technical & Community Advisory Committee has been working on a letter in support of a climate and sustainability checklist during the design phase of the 2022 Bond, and adoption of checklist and prioritization earlier in the process for future Bonds. Once the letter is finalized, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technical & Community Advisory Committee will send to all City Council representatives and their staff for consideration. The checklist for future bonds will be developed with input from both Advisory Committees.

Update on Unified Development Code (UDC):

Melnick updated the Advisory Committee members on the UDC amendment process, including the feedback that the Office of Sustainability will be submitting on behalf of the Advisory Committees. The following amendment recommendations will be submitted:

- Introductory Language/ Consistency – Addition of SA Climate Ready introductory Language/ Consistency with Sa Climate Ready
- Parking – Permeable material and/or green infrastructure and energy efficient lighting for parking lots
- Transportation & Street Design – Use of alternative building materials to increase reflectivity, low-carbon materials, dark sky compliant light fixtures, and an increased use of permeable pavement
- Dark Sky (MLOD) – Parking lot light fixtures and streetlights compliant with dark sky practices
- Tree Preservation – Focusing canopy increase on areas with high-combined equity scores or with significant Urban Heat Island, as well as increase selection of tree species that are resilient to climate change.

The Office of Sustainability will continue to notify the Advisory Committees on the status of the amendment recommendations and will prepare amendment suggestions for the upcoming Buildings & Energy Code update process.

Climate Equity Tool Worksession:

Advisory Committee members reviewed the most recent draft of the Climate Equity Tool and worked together to analyze a hypothetical initiative, EV readiness. Actionable feedback included clarification on step 1, making key questions more straightforward and providing examples for disaggregated data, and rewording step 2, change who is accountable to who collects the data and include a question regarding who will be most affected. A follow up meeting with the Climate Equity Tool Subcommittee will be scheduled before the next Advisory Committee Meeting.

V. Determination of Next Meeting Date

The next SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee meeting will be held jointly with the SA Climate Ready Technical & Community Advisory Committee, this meeting is scheduled for March 29th, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and will be virtual.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



Approved

Jesus Garcia-Gonzalez, Chair
Climate Equity Advisory Committee
City of San Antonio, Texas

Date