



MEETING MINUTES
SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee
August 2, 2021
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	Eloisa Portillo-Morales 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

NRDC Advisor: Adil Chowdhury

Chair or Vice-Chair of the Technical & Community Advisory Committee: Melissa Bryant

Facilitator: Lupita González

Assistant City Manager: David W. McCary

Texas Creative: Ashley Landers, Marcie Treviño Ripper

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Douglas Melnick at 4:08 p.m.

II. Public Comments

No citizens signed up to be heard.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minerva Defee presented the minute meetings from June 1st, 2021, for approval. Minutes were sent to committee members ahead of time and were attached to the August meeting agenda.

Motion: Cantu motioned for approval.
Portillo-Morales seconded the motion.

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

Action: Motion passed with 8 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

campaign can assist with both mitigation and adaptation and have the potential to support all co-benefits.

Current Opportunities

There are three opportunities for the advisory committees to provide input regarding development, energy, and municipal projects, the Unified Development Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the 2022 Bond Program. Recommendations for all three will be accepted through the Fall of 2021, giving the Advisory Committee a few months to prepare key suggestions that will assist in achieving the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.

Reviewing these documents requires a certain amount of expertise and extensive time commitment, so a survey will be sent out to gauge interest within the committee. Those that express interest in being deeply involved with this process will work with the Office of Sustainability to review the required documents and compile recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the full Committee for approval before they are sent to Executive Leadership.

Subcommittee Updates:

Joseph Simpson provided an update on the Climate Equity Screening Tool Subcommittee. The group is currently analyzing screening tools from the Office of Equity, outside organizations, and other cities to identify best practices. The main goals include ensuring that appropriate metrics are being tracked at crucial steps in the development or programs, ensuring that the frontline communities are benefiting from these programs, and ensuring that the tool is functional and practical. A draft screening tool will be presented at the next meeting.

Texas Creative Updates:

Ashley Landers shared key results from the Attitudes, Awareness & Perceptions Quantitative Study. The two most impactful results were that a total of 86% of those surveyed believe that climate change is occurring, and that there is no single most important tactic to reduce emissions and become resilient, all strategies must be considered.

Marcie Treviño Ripper updated the Committee on the grassroots grant initiative. Three different organizations were chosen, Yanawana Herbolarios, Martinez Street Women's Center, and disABILITYsa. These three organizations have started their outreach efforts and will provide interim updates in early September. The grants will continue through the end of the calendar year, full results from their engagement with frontline communities will be shared with the Committees in early 2022.

V. Determination of Next Meeting Date

The next SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 4th, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, this meeting may be in-person. The Technical and Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and may also be in-person.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.