



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Video Teleconference

The Beverly Hills Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: October 19, 2021 / 2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

CAAP Community Advisory Committee members Myra Lurie, Alissa Roston, Sharon Ignarro, Lisa Schwartz, Wendy Nystrom, Sharona Nazarian, Erica Felsenthal, Lee Hilborne, Myra Demeter, Peter Ostroff, Sandra Aronberg, Linda Newmark, Ariel Ouziel, and Susan Kimura.

City Staff & Consultants: Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo, Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez, Utilities General Manager Robert Welch, Civicspark Fellow Tory Brewster, Raimi Consultant Walker Wells, Raimi Consultant Sami Taylor, and Rincon Consultant Andrew Beecher

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public were allowed to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

1) COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Director of Public Works Shana Epstein welcomed members of the Committee to the first committee meeting and introduced the Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo. Josette Descalzo reviewed the meeting agenda.

Melissa Gomez, Senior Management Analysis provided information on guidelines for the Committee including Brown Act considerations.

2) PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager provided background information on the purpose of the Community Advisory Committee.



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Background and Purpose of the Committee

- Represent the community in the CAAP Process.
- Gain a deeper understanding of climate and GHG emissions-related issues in Beverly Hills.
- Inform and engage the community of CAAP topics.
- Participate and raise awareness around CAAP community engagement opportunities.
- Develop strategies to reduce GHG emissions and improve resiliency towards climate change.
- Provide consensus recommendations to the commission and City Council in the CAAP process.
- Staff will be providing information about CAAP resources. Committee members can recommend resources to staff.

3) COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee members had an opportunity to introduce themselves. Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager led the discussion to elect a Chair.

Nominations

- Myra Demeter nominates Peter Ostroff.
- Wendy Nystrom self-nominates.
- Sharona Nazarian nominates/requests Peter Ostroff and Wendy Nystrom to a Co-Chair position.
 - Request accepted by Wendy Nystrom and Peter Ostroff.

Community Advisory Committee Co-Chairs

- Wendy Nystrom and Peter Ostroff

4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) AND MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE SAME

Motion: MOVED by Lee Hilborne, SECONDED by Myra Lurie to approve the Resolution as presented (14/0).

AYES: All members of Committee verbally approved Resolution.

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED



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5) GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (GHG) AND FORECAST AND APPROACHES TO GHG REDUCTION MEASURES AND TARGET GOAL SETTING

Raimi Consultants Walker Wells and Sami Taylor present information on the municipal and community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission information and forecast.

Meeting Objectives

- Rincon Consultant Walker Wells reviewed the meeting objectives.
- The objective of the meeting was to facilitate an open and transparent dialogue about the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
- The Committee will discuss meeting state requirements and planning our Climate Action and Adaptation Plan around current and future regulatory frameworks.
- Further, the City's emissions profile, so they know more about current greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Committee will decide on GHG targets, and by the end of our meetings, we will develop a plan that will outline the strategies that will allow us to achieve targets.

Background and Process

Raimi Consultant Sami Taylor discussed the purpose of a CAAP. The City is creating a plan to reduce citywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and prepare for climate change impacts. The plan will provide background information and policy recommendations that will assist the City in meeting GHG reduction goals. The importance of a CAAP is to address Climate Change threats to health and economic growth, reduce the City's "fair share" of emissions, create a resilient strategy for climate change, and adaptation will allow the community to mitigate the hazards of climate change. The CAAP process involves ongoing community and stakeholder input and engagement.

Beverly Hills GHG Emissions

Raimi Consultant, Walker Wells reviewed the results of the City of Beverly Hills GHG Inventory and Forecast to contextualize the successes and changes made since the 2015 community-wide GHG inventory.

Requests from the Committee:

- Request from Co-Chair Ostroff for added Committee meetings and background information.
- Request for presentations to provide an analysis of staff report rather than a review.



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- Request for background information posted on the CAAP webpage for increased transparency.

Questions from the Committee

- What is the goal for the next meeting?
 - To have an idea of possible interim targets that the City can set.
- What are the penalties for not meeting state targets SB32 goals?
 - SB32 is in the legislation, so if the City demonstrates that a local government can emulate a state regulation, it will streamline future development projects.

Review of CAAP Sectors and Implementable Measures

- Building + Energy
 - Increased renewable energy + CPA.
 - Energy efficiency.
 - New and existing building electrification.
- Transportation + Land Use
 - Reduce vehicles miles traveled. Mode shift to biking, walking, and public transportation.
 - Clean vehicles miles traveled.
- Solid Waste
 - SB 1383: Divert 75% of food scraps and other organic material from landfill disposal by 2025 and implement an edible food waste recovery program.
- Water
 - Increase non-potable water supply.
 - Strengthen outdoor water use efficiency standards.
 - Encourage water-efficient landscape.
 - Encourage rainwater capture.
- Sequestration
 - Carbon storage on protected lands.
 - Tree planting and protection of existing trees.

6) PROMOTING THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Josette Descalzo provided information on next steps and community engagement.

ADJOURNMENT

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