CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
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Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 26, 2022
2:00 p.m.

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The Committee may act on any item listed on the agenda.

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
Comment: Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. By State law, the Committee may not discuss or vote on items, not on the Agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 AND NOVEMBER 30, 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

2. 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
Comment: Staff and the City Attorney’s office recommend that the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee adopt a resolution making the following findings so that meetings of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee will be subject to the special Brown Act requirements for teleconference meetings: (1) the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (3) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

3. BEVERLY HILLS SENIOR TRANSIT SERVICE
Comment: This report provides a brief summary of the Beverly Hills senior dial-a-ride program as requested by the Climate Action Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

4. SOLID WASTE PROGRAM & WASTE STREAM PROCESS
Comment: Staff and an Athens’s representative will provide details on the City’s solid waste program.

5. SETTING THE NEXT MEETING DATE
Comment: Staff requests the committee select the next meeting date and share any future meeting topics.

6. CHAIR’S REPORT

7. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

If there are any questions about this agenda, please contact Melissa Gomez at 310-288-2864 or mgomez@beverlyhills.org.
Item 1
MEETING CALLS TO ORDER
Date / Time: October 19, 2021 / 2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:


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.
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
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**
Date / Time: October 19, 2021/ 4:16 PM
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Date / Time: November 30, 2021 / 2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:


City Council: Council Member Julian A. Gold, M.D

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

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 HIGHLIGHTS
Item Was Not Discussed

1) 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 Sharona Nazarian, SECONDED by Lee Hilborne to approve the Resolution as presented (14/0).
AYES: All members of the Committee verbally approved the Resolution.

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

2) CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS INVOLVEMENT IN THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE

Council Member Julian A. Gold, M.D. presented information on the City's involvement with the Clean Power Alliance and upcoming discussions at the City Council. Council Member Gold serves as a Director for the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Board.

Community Choice Aggregation

- Around 4-5 years ago, Community Choice Aggregation allowed communities to construct a network to buy greener energy than the energy provided by investor-owned utilities. This program is called the CPA.
- By law, once a City is admitted to the CPA:
  - Every member in the City defaults to the CPA clean energy level.
  - Members can always opt out of the CPA to Southern California Edison (SCE).
- When the City opted into the CPA, the City had to select the amount of green energy to incorporate. The options included:
  - Lean - 36% green energy
  - Clean - 50% green energy
  - Green - 100% green energy
- When the City first joined the CPA, each level of green energy had an associated price impact.
  - The CPA tied the rate structure to SCE.
    - Lean would be cheaper than the SCE rate.
    - Clean would be approximately the same rate as the SCE rate.
    - Green would be a little more expensive than the SCE rate.
- The CPA currently partners with 30 cities and the unincorporated areas of Ventura and Los Angeles counties, serves over a million customers, and procures approximately one billion dollars worth of energy.
- CPA members have an opportunity to change its default energy product (rate) annually and take into effect by October of the following year.
  - Homeowners and business owners can elect to adjust their energy product (rate) higher or lower than a defaulted rate set by the member agency.
- If the City of Beverly Hills changes the default rate to 100% renewable energy:
  - Every CPA customer in the City will be defaulted to 100% renewable energy; Customers who are currently enrolled in 100% Green Power or at 40% Lean Power will not be affected by this change. Homeowners and businesses who
prefer to have more savings can opt down into the 50% Clean Power or 40% Lean Power rates.

- Regardless of procurement, all transmission lines are managed by SCE. Therefore, all energy, regardless of procurement, is transmitted by SCE. The only entity with control over SCE transmission rates is the Public Utilities Commission.
- The financial impact for the City to opt into 100% renewable energy:
  - Most of the City's energy bills will increase by 2-3%
- Recommendation from Council Member Gold:
  - It is time to adjust the City's rate to 100% renewable energy to honor the City's commitment to sustainability. Individuals can adjust rates as needed.

Questions from the Committee
- What is the reason that clean energy is more expensive than the alternative?
  - While the price of clean energy has gone down, several reasons contribute to green energy being more expensive than the alternative:
    - Renewable energy infrastructure is in its early stages. Infrastructure costs are very expensive, and construction for renewable energy infrastructure is just starting to increase.
    - There are rules that cap the amount of energy purchased from out-of-state providers. Buying energy from out of state would decrease clean energy costs.
    - The CPA is paying a premium for the development of wind and solar energy and expanding battery storage. However, expanding battery storage is expensive.
- Is there decreased reliability if the City opts into 100%?
  - The CPA buys electricity based on expected demand.
  - If demand is higher than expected, the CPA will substitute energy sources with non-renewable energy.
- Homeowners are experiencing too many power outages and substituting for gas-powered generators. Will the reliability issues worsen if we increase rates?
  - SCE is responsible for the transmission of energy.
  - Right now, it would cost too much for the CPA to transmit energy or update it. However, the CPA can pressure SCE to work on transmission issues.
  - A green solution to blackouts would be to place solar panels with a battery backup system on South facing buildings/residences.
- When will community members see an increase in the rates if the City moves forward with 100% renewable energy?
  - After the first billing cycle in October, residents would not see an increase until next fall.

Comments from the Committee
- There needs to be more education on how homeowners can change their rates because the current process is complicated.
Committee members were asked if any of them oppose the City opting to 100% Green Power. No members opposed.

3) BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CITY’S SUSTAINABLE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Item Was Not Discussed

4) GHG EMISSIONS BASELINE, INVENTORY, AND FORECAST

Co-Chair Ostroff encouraged members of the Committee to review the agenda packet with information on the Public Works Department's sustainability projects, accomplishments, and data on the City's greenhouse gas emissions.

Questions from the Committee
- To what extent does the current baseline reflect all of the programs that the City implemented?
  - The City's current baseline reflects all of the City's programs.
- Are any other Climate Action and Adaptation Plans (CAAP) a good template for us?
  - Santa Monica has the more aggressive and updated CAAP.
- What kind of budget does the City have that can be directed towards this CAAP apart from the City's capital improvement plan?
  - The CAC recommendations regarding targets set by the City for the CAAP will determine the price of the associated policy measures.
  - Policies will affect the budget, so the City will not know an estimation yet, but the goal is to set recommendations for policies that get implemented.

5) EMISSIONS GOALS AND TIME FRAMES

Item Was Not Discussed

6) MEASURES TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS

Item Was Not Discussed

7) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Item Was Not Discussed

8) SETTING THE NEXT MEETING DATE
Staff informed the Committee that the next meeting date would be coordinated with local television, and staff will collect availability information by email.

9) **CHAIR’S REPORT**

Co-chair's Wendy Nystrom and Peter Ostroff requested ad-hoc preferences from members of the Committee. Committee members took turns talking about sectors each member were interested in discussing.

10) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

*Item Was Not Discussed*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: November 30, 2021/ 4:16 PM
Item 2
TO: Climate Action and Adaptation Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: 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

ATTACHMENT: 1. Proposed Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the City Attorney’s office recommend that the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee adopt a resolution making the following findings so that meetings of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee will be subject to the special Brown Act requirements for teleconference meetings: (1) the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (3) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

INTRODUCTION

Governor Newsom recently signed new legislation (AB 361) allowing the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions. These special requirements give the City greater flexibility to conduct teleconference meetings when there is a declared state of emergency and either social distancing is mandated or recommended, or an in-person meeting would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

BACKGROUND
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California due to the spread of COVID-19. The Governor subsequently issued numerous executive orders suspending or modifying state laws to facilitate the response to the emergency. Among other things, these executive orders superseded certain Brown Act requirements and established special rules to give local public agencies greater flexibility to conduct teleconference meetings. Those special rules expired on September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, in anticipation of then-imminent expiration of his special rules for teleconference meetings, the Governor signed AB 361. In key part, this bill amends the Brown Act to establish special requirements for teleconference meetings if a legislative body of a local public agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and either state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the body determines, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

AB 361 builds upon Executive Order (“EO”) N-29-20, issued by the Governor on March 17, 2020, which relaxed the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act to facilitate virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency. EO N-29-20’s provisions concerning public meetings applied through September 30, 2021.

AB 361 authorizes local agencies to continue meeting remotely without following the Brown Act’s standard teleconferencing provisions if the meeting is held during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor and either of the following applies: (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (2) the agency has already determined or is determining whether, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

EO N-29-20 required legislative bodies to make remote public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body, and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Brown Act. AB 361 adds new procedures and clarifies the requirements for conducting remote meetings as follows:

- **Public Comment Opportunities in Real Time:** A legislative body that meets remotely pursuant to AB 361 must allow members of the public to access the meeting via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and the agenda for the remote meeting must provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the body in real time. Although the agency may still ask for public comments to be submitted in advance, the agency cannot require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting. If an agency does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, it must allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow members of the public the opportunity to provide public comment, including time to “be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.”

- **No Action During Disruptions:** In the event of a disruption that prevents the local agency from broadcasting the remote meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, AB 361 prohibits the legislative
body from taking any further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in or internet-based options is restored.

- **Periodic Findings:** To continue meeting remotely pursuant to AB 361, an agency must make periodic findings that: (1) the body has reconsidered the circumstances of the declared emergency; and (2) the emergency impacts the ability of the body’s members to meet safely in person, or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. These findings should be made not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter.

**DISCUSSION**

To continue to hold meetings under these special teleconferencing requirements, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee needs to make two findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3). First, there must be a declared state of emergency and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee must find that it has reconsidered the circumstances of such emergency. Second, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee must find that such emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee members to meet in person. Alternatively, for the second finding, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee must find that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing measures. These findings must be made within 30 days after the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee teleconferences for the first time under AB 361 and every 30 days thereafter.

The declared emergency is still in effect. Furthermore, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles have recommended measures to promote social distancing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continue to advise that COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors and that people are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when they are closer than 6 feet apart from others for longer periods of time. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health still encourages people at risk for severe illness of death from COVID-19 to take protective measures such as social distancing and, for those not yet fully vaccinated, to physically distance from others whose vaccination status is unknown. The County Health Department also continues to recommend that employers take steps to support physical distancing.

Please note that AB 361 applies to all legislative bodies. Therefore, Commissions and standing committees will need to also comply with the requirements of AB 361.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed resolution allowing the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee greater flexibility to conduct teleconference meetings is unlikely to cause a greater fiscal impact to the City.
Attachment 1
RESOLUTION NO. ______

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

WHEREAS, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee is committed to public access and participation in its meetings while balancing the need to conduct public meetings in a manner that reduces the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19 and to support physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code Sections 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, signed by Governor Newsom and effective on September 16, 2021, legislative bodies of local agencies may hold public meetings via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), without complying with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), if the legislative body complies with certain enumerated requirements in any of the following circumstances:

1. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
2. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

3. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continue to advise that COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors and that people are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when they are closer than 6 feet apart from others for longer periods of time; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County “Responding together at Work and in the Community Order (8.23.21)” provides that all individuals and businesses are strongly encouraged to follow the Los Angeles County Public Health Department Best Practices. The Los Angeles County Public Health Department “Best Practices to Prevent COVID-19 Guidance for Businesses and Employers”, updated on September 13, 2021, recommend that employers take steps to reduce crowding indoors and to support physical distancing between employees and customers; and

WHEREAS, the unique characteristics of public governmental buildings is another reason for continuing teleconferenced meetings, including the increased mixing associated with bringing people together from across several communities, the need to enable those who are
immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public meetings and the challenge of achieving compliance with safety requirements and recommendations in such settings; and

WHEREAS, the Beverly Hills City Council has adopted a resolution that continues to recommend steps to reduce crowding indoors and to support physical distancing at City meetings to protect the health and safety of meeting attendees; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the need to promote social distancing to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee intends to continue holding public meetings via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee of the City of Beverly Hills resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Recitals provided above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee hereby determines that, as a result of the Emergency, meeting in person presents imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Section 3. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee shall continue to conduct its meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

Section 4. Staff is hereby authorized and directed to continue to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and
public meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that: (i) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Section 6. The Secretary of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee of this City.

Adopted:

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Wendy Nystrom
Co-Chair of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee of the City of Beverly Hills, California

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Peter Ostroff
Co-Chair of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee of the City of Beverly Hills, California
Item 3
TO: Robert Welch, Utilities General Manager
    Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager

FROM: Daren Grilley, City Engineer/Public Works Assistant Director
    Martha Eros, Transportation Planner

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Beverly Hills Senior Transit Service

RECOMMENDATION
This report provides a brief summary of the Beverly Hills senior dial-a-ride program as requested by the Climate Action Community Advisory Committee (CAC). This report is for information only.

BACKGROUND
The Beverly Hills senior transit programs provide residents 62 years of age and older and disabled residents of any age with free or subsidized transportation services. The existing senior programs include free dial-a-ride (DAR) transportation and subsidized Metro 30-day bus passes to residents. Both senior transit programs are funded with Proposition-A Local Return funds.

Dial-a-Ride (DAR)
The Beverly Hills DAR program offers free curb-to-curb, shared-ride transportation for medical, non-medical and recreational trips within the city limits, including civic centers, commercial and residential locations, and dedicated shuttles to Roxbury Park and area supermarkets. The DAR program operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and advance reservations may be scheduled weekdays by calling the Dispatch Center at (310) 275-2791 between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (www.beverlyhills.org/seniortransit).

In addition to operating within the city limits for medical and non-medical appointments, the Beverly Hills DAR transports residents to local medical centers for appointments: Cedars Sinai Medical Center, UCLA Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente Cadillac, Century City Medical Plaza, and most medical offices adjacent to the City boundaries.

The Beverly Hills DAR fleet is housed offsite at the contractor’s facility and has transitioned from a gasoline fuel fleet to an alternative fuel fleet:

- Three 20-passenger shuttles, ADA compliant; provided by contractor, model year 2019, propane fuel
- Two four-passenger vans, ADA compliant; provided by contractor, model year 2019, propane fuel
Metro Bus Pass Senior Discount Program

In addition to the DAR transit services, the City offers Beverly Hills seniors and disabled persons discounted 30-day Metro bus passes to supplement countywide transit needs that cannot be accommodated by the DAR system.

DISCUSSION

The current contract with MV Transportation (MVT) to operate, maintain and administer the senior transit program is in effect through November 2025. The transit contract includes language for the provision of “alternative fuel” vehicles to replace the 2009 transit fleet. Transportation Planning and Fleet Services staff collaborated with MVT to select vehicle types for the senior transit program.

Both CNG and propane fuel sources are significantly cleaner than gasoline or diesel, with electric and hydrogen platforms being the only zero emission vehicles. Electric shuttle vans are available but hydrogen vehicles (and fueling stations) are relatively scarce.

Transit colleagues serving on the Metro Local Transit Systems Subcommittee have shared mixed feedback regarding the performance of electric transit vehicles, including shuttles. Transportation staff will continue to research the zero emission vehicle types, but at this time City staff recommends waiting for the electric vehicle market to develop a reliable EV transit shuttle bus as staff plans for future shuttle service to connect to the two Metro Purple Line subway stations on Wilshire Boulevard.

The Transportation Planning team is currently exploring options for shuttle services to transport residents and employees to the future subway stations and major Metro bus stop connections. If a larger citywide transit system is contemplated, a Needs Assessment study would be required to evaluate current conditions, determine objectives and prioritize goals. A financial assessment and fund source is also needed prior to launching a new program.

In addition to determining the type of service, whether a fixed-route on designated streets or an on-demand service similar to micro-transit or dial-a-ride format, decisions on contracting the service(s) to a transit company or establishing a new city-operated service will drive implementation and operation plans for a new transit system in the City. Staff estimates a minimum two-year development and implementation process.
Item 4
TO: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Program and Waste Stream Process

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Beverly Hills Solid Waste Program Brochure  
3. Athens How to Comply with Waste and Recycling Regulation Brochure

Solid Waste Manager, Colonel Burnley and an Athens Environmental representative will provide information on the City’s Solid Waste program that includes recycling and organics programs and waste stream process. Attachments 1 through 3 provides an overview of the City’s solid waste program, waste material guideline and regulatory guidelines.
Attachment 1
KEEPING BEVERLY HILLS CLEAN

Do your part in keeping Beverly Hills clean by disposing of solid waste in its proper place, recycling green waste, and spreading the word on the City’s Environmental Services.

For more information regarding the City’s Environmental Services, please visit our website at:
www.beverlyhills.org/publicworks
310-285-2467
AskPW@Beverlyhills.org

PROGRAM GOALS

Ensure optimum levels of cleanliness while safeguarding public health by removing solid waste from single-family, duplex, and multifamily residences weekly.

• Provide a fee-based service for cleaning and removal of solid waste from businesses, restaurants, some multi-family residential, and municipal facilities.

• Expand broader community awareness of collection and recycling programs through continuing outreach and education.

• Ensure optimum levels of alley cleanliness while safeguarding public health through a tree trimming maintenance program, graffiti abatement, debris, brush and bulky item removal.

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WASTE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

Solid Waste, Alley Maintenance and Bulky Items
HELPFUL TIPS

• For properties service by curb, place containers two feet apart with the handles facing toward your home.
• Do not leave trash outside of the containers or on the ground.
• Containers must be removed from the street before 10:00 p.m. on refuse collection day.
• Bag and tie all refuse.
• Close the container lid.
• Do not overflow the container.
• Do not place green waste in BLACK containers.
• Do not place any loose refuse next to the container.
• Do not place any bulky items in CITY ISSUED containers.

HERE IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SINGLEFAMILY RESIDENTS NORTH OF SANTA MONICA BL. WITH ALLEY COLLECTION: ON COLLECTION DAY:

• All green waste containers must be placed on the same side as the other alley containers.
• All brush and tree trimming that cannot fit into container must be cut into four (4) foot length, tie and bundled no heavier than 30lbs., and place next to the container.

COMMERCIAL REFUSE SERVICE

The City provides routine and special solid waste services for all businesses and multi-family dwellings. Please contact Customer Service for all Commercial Services requests (service level changes, monthly billing, special requests, and complaints) including roll-off bin service for businesses and residents. Please call 310)285-2467 or AskPW@Beverlyhills.org.

GREEN WASTE

Green waste comprises about 40% of waste generated by Beverly Hills residents. To meet statemandated reduction goals, all curbside collection customers are required to separate all green waste.

WHAT CAN I PLACE IN MY CITY-ISSUED "GREEN" WASTE CONTAINER?

• Grass clippings
• Tree trimmings
• Leaves and brush weeds
• Food Waste

PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

• Cut brush into 3-foot lengths.
• Do not leave any green waste outside the container.
• Keep green waste bin clean.

RECYCLE

Recycling is easy. You no longer need to sort out recyclables...the City does it for you! The City has an integrated approach for refuse collection services including trash, green waste and recycling. BLACK containers are for all household refuse, including recyclables. GREEN containers are for yard clippings and organics only. The mixed waste from your black container is sent to a material recovery facility where the recyclables are sorted and the yard clippings are sent to a composting facility. Green practices begin with you!

NOW IS THE TIME TO START PRACTICING THE THREE R’S...

• REDUCE the amount of trash you produce
• REUSE items before discarding them
• RECYCLE all possible materials

FREQUENT Q & A'S

WHEN IS MY TRASH PICKED UP?

Residential Curbside Collection Schedule:
• TUESDAY – South of Santa Monica Blvd.
• THURSDAY – North of Santa Monica Blvd.

Residential Alley Container Collection Schedule:
• MON.– South of Santa Monica Blvd. (Mix Waste)
• TUES.– North of Santa Monica Blvd. (Mix Waste)
• WED.– South of Santa Monica Blvd. (Green Waste)
• WED.– North of Santa Monica Blvd. (Green Waste)
• FRI.– South of Santa Monica Blvd. (Mix Waste & Green Waste)

CAN I GET A REPLACEMENT TRASH BIN AND IS THERE A FEE?

All current solid waste customers can have their receptacle replaced, if your receptacle is damaged, at no charge.

HOW DO I REQUEST A BULKY PICK UP?

The City will pick up most discarded items that do not fit in trash bins after receiving a request through the Public Works Customer Service. To schedule a pick-up, please call (310) 285-2467, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or email AskPW@Beverlyhills.org. You will need to provide your address and the type of item(s) to be collected. The item(s) will be picked up within 72 hours during business days.

WILL MY TRASH BE PICKED UP IF THE HOLIDAY LANDS ON A WEEKDAY?

The Solid Waste Division works on all holidays with the exception of:
• New Year’s Day • Thanksgiving • Christmas
During the week of these holidays, your trash will be picked up the next business day.
Attachment 2
### Mixed Waste Container Material

#### Recyclable

**Contains no liquids & little food residue**

**PLASTICS**
- Highly Recyclable
  - Plastics number 1 as bottle or clamshell
  - Plastics numbers 2 & 5
  - Soda, juice, & water bottles
  - Beverage and Detergent jugs
- Acceptable (but may not be recycled)
  - Plastics numbers 4 & 7

**METALS**
- Aluminum foil & pie tins (clean)
- Scrap metal
- Steel cans, dishware, etc.
- Tin & aluminum cans

**PAPER (clean & dry)**
- Envelopes
- File folders (paper only)
- Junk mail & magazines
- Newspaper
- Paper (white & mixed color)
- Paper grocery bags
- Telephone books
- Acceptable (but may not be recycled)
  - Cereal boxes (no plastic insert)
  - Egg cartons (paper only & clean)
  - Frozen food boxes
  - Soup, milk, & juice cartons

**CARDBOARD (or similar)**
- Cardboard & corrugated boxes
- Pizza boxes (clean sections only)

**GLASS**
- Amber, green, & mixed-color glass
- Clear food glass jars
- Soda, tea, & liquor bottles

#### Landfill

**FOOD WRAPPERS/CONTAINERS**
- Candy & protein bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Disposable coffee cups & lids
- Juice and food pouches
- Bags with a mix of metal & plastic

**GLASS/PORCELAIN**
- Dishware
- Flower pots
- Incandescent light bulbs
- Porcelain
- Vases & glass figurines
- Window glass

**PAPER**
- All receipts
- Bathroom & facial tissues
- Gift wrap with plastic or metal
- Hardback books
- Laminated or plastic coated paper
- Padded or Tyvek-type envelopes
- Photographs

**PLASTICS**
- All plastics #3 & #6 (hard & foam)
- All black plastics
- Plastic toys
- Plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap
- Small plastics (utensils, straws, loose caps, less than 4 inches)
- Garden hoses & plastic tarps
- Latex and plastic gloves
- Empty motor oil

**MISCELLANEOUS**
- Disposable diapers
- Empty aerosol cans
- Pet waste
- Unusable clothing & fabric
- All tea bags and tea bag wrappers
- Lint
- Hard shells (e.g. clams, mussels, & oysters)

#### Compostables

**GREEN WASTE**
- Grass clippings
- Flower & hedge trimmings
- Leaves & branches
- Lumber, scrap wood, & plywood types (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

**FOOD SCRAPS**
- Any putrescible matter produced from human or animal food production, preparation, & consumption activities. No produce stickers.
- Bread, rice, & pasta
- Cheese & dairy
- Coffee filters
- Flowers & herbs
- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat, bones, poultry, seafood, & soft shells (e.g. lobster, crab, & shrimp)

**FOOD-SOILED PAPER**
- All items must be 100% plant-fiber based with NO plastic, wax, or bio-plastic coating, liner, or laminate. Must be soiled ONLY with food or drink liquids. *No bathroom tissue, toilet paper, or feminine products.

- 100% fiber based, compostable to-go containers & serving-ware
- Egg cartons (paper)
- Food-stained paper
- Paper napkins & kitchen towels
- Paper food boats
- Paper packaging
- Paper plates & cups
- Pizza boxes

For more information, scan the QR code below.
Attachment 3
SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Law:
Targets reduction of methane emissions from landfills by requiring a 50% reduction of statewide disposal of organics waste (from 2014 level) by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. It establishes an additional target that 20% of currently disposed edible food be recovered for human consumption by 2025.

The City’s service provider, Athens Services, is a recycling and waste diversion leader in Southern California. Family-owned and -operated since 1957, Athens was founded on the simple principle of providing exceptional service, by hiring and developing great people, while fostering a safe, healthy, and sustainable environment, that’s The Athens Way. Today, Athens Services teams up with local communities, as well as private institutions and government agencies as their zero waste partner.

Athens’ Food Recovery Program:
Athens has partnered with experienced food recovery organizations to assist your business with its food donation setup, needs, and concerns.

Prior to donating, please be sure to arrange an initial meeting to discuss partnership logistics.

Still have questions? Contact the City of Beverly Hills at (310) 285-2467, email AskPW@beverlyhills.org or visit www.beverlyhills.org/recycle.
AB 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR): Requires that California businesses arrange for recycling services.

Who Must Comply?
- A business (includes public entities) that generates four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or is a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more shall arrange for recycling services.

How Do I Comply?
- With the City, you can place trash and recyclables in the same container. You do not need a separate container.
- As part of our mixed waste processing service, our service provider Athens sorts your recyclables for you at the materials recovery facility (MRF).

The City’s recycling program through our service provider Athens Services.
- Athens picks up and transports your mixed waste to the materials recovery facility (MRF).
- The state-of-the-art technology and experienced staff separates recyclables from your mixed waste.
- Athens bales the recyclable materials which is used by a third-party to make new products.

AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORE): Requires that California businesses arrange for organics recycling services.

Who Must Comply?
- As of September 2020, all commercial or public entities, including multi-family dwellings of five units or more, that generate two or more cubic yards of solid waste per week must have a program in place to recycle organic waste.
- Multi-family dwellings need only to arrange collection for green waste (including landscape/pruning waste and unpainted/untreated wood).
- Multi-family dwellings are not required to arrange for collection of food scraps and/or food-soiled paper at this time.

How Do I Comply?
- To comply you must arrange for organic waste recycling services. Please call the City to schedule a FREE organics recycling assessment.
- Athens Services provides a separate container for your separated organic waste.
- Athens Services recycles your organics through composting and mulching at our compost facility, American Organics.

The City’s recycling program through our service provider Athens Services.
- Athens Services provides a separate container for your separated organic waste.

AB 827 Customer Access to Recycling

Who Must Comply?
- Effective July 1, 2020, businesses that are subject to AB 341 and AB 1826 must provide both mixed-waste and organic receptacles onsite for customer use.

How Do I Comply?
- Your business must provide onsite mixed-waste and organics receptacles to collect material generated from customers who have purchased products on your premises.
- The containers must be:
  - Visible and easily accessible to customers.
  - Clearly marked with educational signage that indicates what goes in which container.
Item 5
TO: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Robert Welch, Utilities General Manager
Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Setting the Next Meeting Date

RECOMMENDATION
Staff requests the committee select the next general Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting date and share any future meeting topics.

DISCUSSION
Staff recommends setting a routine day and week for the next Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Staff is seeking committee member input if the third or fourth Wednesday of each month would be amenable to committee members.
Item 6
The CAC Co-chairs will provide an update on the items discussed during the ad-hoc meetings and the next CAC meetings.
Item 7
TO: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works
Robert Welch, Utilities General Manager
Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Director’s Report

The following items will be presented:

1. Upcoming City Council and Commission Agenda Items of Interest
   c. Traffic and Parking Commission: Regional bike share program

2. CAAP Project Goals and Timelines
   a. Initial project schedule end date is Fall 2022.
   b. Pending key milestones
      i. GHG Reduction Goals
      ii. GHG Reduction Measures
      iii. Climate Change Adaptation
      iv. Presentation to Commissions
      v. Community Outreach & Workshop Meetings
      vi. Draft CAAP Plan
      vii. Plan Adoption