



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

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: July 27, 2022 / 2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

CAAP Community Advisory Committee members Myra Lurie, Sharon Ignarro, Wendy Nystrom, Myra Demeter, Peter Ostroff, Sandra Aronberg, Linda Newmark, Susan Kimura, Ariel Ouziel.

City Staff: Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo, Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez, Utilities General Manager Robert Welch, Assistant Director of Public Works Darren Grilley.

Consultants: Raimi Associates consultant Walker Wells and Sami Taylor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public were allowed to directly address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda.

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from David Gingold and Austin Shaheri.

1) APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2022, HIGHLIGHTS

Motion: MOVED by Myra Demeter, SECONDED by Ariel Ouziel to approve the highlights as presented (9/0).

AYES: All members of the Committee verbally approved the Resolution.

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AUTHORIZING PUBLIC



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MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) AND MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE SAME

Motion: MOVED by Peter Ostroff, SECONDED by Myra Lurie to approve the Resolution as presented (8/0).

AYES: All members of the Committee verbally approved the Resolution.

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

3) FINAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION MITIGATION MEASURES

4) CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION MEASURES

5) ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POSITION ASSESMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

Co-chairs Wendy Nystrom and Peter Ostroff recommended combining the presentations for items 3, 4, and 5 to accommodate for time. The rest of the committee agreed. Utilities General Manager Robert Welch explains to the Committee that a draft CAAP will be provided in the fall and explains the next steps in the process. Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo provides a presentation on items 3, 4, and 5 to the Committee.

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

Committee Chair Peter Ostroff requested the Committee discuss the six foundational mitigation strategies giving everyone an opportunity to provide feedback. Each committee member provided comments on the strategies. Wendy Nystrom explains to the Committee the difference between mitigation and adaptation measures. Each committee member had the opportunity to comment on the adaptation measures.

Co-chair Peter Ostroff discussed the importance of emergency water storage. General Utilities Manager Robert Welch and Assistant Director of Public Works Darren Grilley discussed a few water capital improvement projects and their timeline. Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo addressed a few questions regarding recycled water and battery backup systems. Chief Sustainability Officer recommendations are discussed amongst the committee.



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Co-chair Peter Ostroff entertained a motion to approve staff moving forward with the specific strategies and priority measures outlined with the following modifications:

1. Include a special emphasis on emergency water storage;
2. Include the transit and complete streets plan to the strategy for dealing with transportation issues; and
3. Recommend the creation of a new position of Chief Sustainability Office to report to the City Manager.

Motion: MOVED by Sharon Ignarro, SECONDED by Susan Kimura to approve the Resolution as presented (8/0).

AYES: All members of the Committee verbally approved the motion.

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

6) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT UPDATES

Utilities General Manager Robert Welch overviews the movie night event that the Committee held on July 20, 2022 which screened "Fire on Ice".

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

7) BEVERLY HILLS TRANSIT SYSTEM STUDY

Assistant Director of Public Works Daren Grilley explains how the public input gathering phase is in effect. Transit survey was published online and will be available until August 17, 2022. Public meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of August 22, 2022. The study is expected to be completed in September and will be brought to the Traffic and Parking Commission in October with City Council following.

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from Steve Mayer, David Gingold, and Austin Shaheri.

8) CHAIR'S REPORT

Wendy Nystrom mentions inviting West Hollywood to speak on their transit system.

9) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 27, 2022/ 4:16 PM