



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
In-Person/ Video Teleconference

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

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

CAAP Community Advisory Committee members Myra Lurie, Alissa Roston, Sharon Ignarro, Wendy Nystrom, Sharona Nazarian, Erica Felsenthal, 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, Assistant Director of Public Works Darren Grilley, Solid Waste Manager Colonel James Burnley, CivicSpark Fellow Tory Brewster, Raimi Associates Walker Welles, Raimi Associates Sami Taylor, and Rincon Consultant Reema Shakra.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

Speakers: Written comment submitted by Mark Elliot requesting the CAC prioritize mode shift transportation utilizing the Complete Streets Plan.

1) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022, HIGHLIGHTS

Motion: MOVED by Sharona Nazarian, SECONDED by Peter Ostroff to approve the highlights as presented (10/0).

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

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED



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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

Motion: MOVED by Sharona Nazarian, SECONDED by Sandra Aronberg to approve the Resolution as presented (12/0).

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

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

3) UPDATE ON GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) MEASURES AND PRIORITIZATION

Raimi associates Sami Taylor and Walker Wells presented information on GHG measures and requested input from CAC members regarding the prioritization of measures to reach the goal of carbon neutrality.

Earth Day Event Feedback

Walker Wells reviewed the results from the Earth Day event at the City's farmers market. Community members at the farmers' market provided feedback on CAAP measures.

Mitigation Measures

Sami Taylor highlighted proposed mitigation measures and the three GHG reduction scenarios: voluntary, phased-in, and mandatory. The three scenarios' participation assumptions and GHG reduction potential for 2030-2045 were reviewed.

CAC Comments

CAC members expressed varying levels of interest in mandatory and phased-in targets. CAC members expressed interest in mandatory items in transportation, new/existing buildings, and retrofits. CAC members expressed interest in increased solar energy within the City as well as increased community education campaigns, especially with local schools. Further, CAC members strongly advocated for mode shift and transportation, including public transportation incentives and safer protected bike lanes.

4) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT UPDATES

Community Engagement ad-hoc lead Erica Felsenthal discussed past and future community engagement events.



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Events

- Sunday, April 24 – Earth Day celebration at the farmers' market.
- Wednesday, May 25 – First CAAP community meeting.
- Wednesday, July 20 – CAAP Movie Night at Roxbury Park. Festivities (including food and sustainability booths) start at 6 PM, and the movie Ice on Fire begins at 7 PM with a panel afterward.

5) TRANSIT SERVICE STUDY UPDATE

Assistant Director of Public Works Darren Grilley provided an update on the transit study. The City is in the process of selecting a consulting firm, and the project is planned to begin shortly. The selection process is planned to take three to five months.

CAC Comments

CAC members requested that routes should service schools in the City.

6) INFORMATION REGARDING CITY'S SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM

The Solid Waste Manager Colonel James Burnley answered questions from CAC members about the City's solid waste collection system. Information about the benefits of the City's two-bin system was provided to CAC members.

CAC Comments

CAC members requested additional messaging and education campaigns about mixed waste compost and breaking down cardboard boxes. CAC members asked that information about the City's solid waste collection system be distributed to the community, the schools, businesses, and local parks.

7) CHAIRS REPORT

Item Was Not Discussed

8) CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Rincon Consultant Reema Shakra provided information on the climate vulnerability assessment, which evaluated vulnerable community members, critical facilities, and services in Beverly Hills.

Vulnerability Assessment

Information was provided on potentially vulnerable community assets and vulnerable populations in the City. The methodology for the vulnerability assessment included interviews with asset managers and relied on City documents, plans, and tools. Climate hazards for the City were reviewed, and climate hazards projected increased heat, drought, storm frequency, and precipitation.



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CAC Comments

CAC members provided information about services for vulnerable populations supplied by the library. Further, CAC members noted that the Fire department records a complete list of vulnerable populations. Members requested services for outdoor workers in light of an emergency and increased emergency management for water. Additionally, members asked for community education about cooling centers. CAC members expressed interest in prioritizing plentiful clean water and wildfire prevention during droughts.

9) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Shana Epstein, Director of the Public Works, informed members of the Committee about City Council's priorities, including the metro and transportation projects.

Members were encouraged to participate in upcoming events and attend the Traffic and Parking Commission. Lastly, CAC members were informed about MWD's drought restrictions. However, the City may also increase local restrictions.

Events

- Friday, April 29 – Arbor Day Tree planting at 11 AM
- Monday, May 23 – Public Works Day

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

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