

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
2:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*
Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan, *District 2*
Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, *District 4*
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Roberto C. Treviño, *District 1*

Staff Present: Dr. Colleen Bridger, *Assistant City Manager*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Mario Martinez, *Assistant Director, Metro Health Dept.*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Nils Frenkel, *Director of Navigant*; Greg Harmon, Joan Cunningham, & Wendell Fuqua, *Sierra Club*; Carla De La Chapa, *CPS Energy*; Isaac Garcia & Diana Lopez, *Southwest Workers Union*; Gage Brown, *Trinity University*; Brandon Vondek, *Elementz SA*; Rachel Wolf & John Bachman, *Voice for Animals*

Call to order

Chairwoman Sandoval called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 7, 2019 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Community Health and Equity Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Peláez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the August 29, 2019 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2019 Community Health and Equity Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Peláez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Briefing and Possible Action on

3. Briefing and Possible Action on Head Start Program Items and Fiscal Activities for August 2019. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Chairwoman Sandoval stated that staff presented a written briefing for the record and it was included as Appendix A.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing and Possible Action on the Status of the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan.
[Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas R. Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Douglas Melnick stated that endorsements of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) were received from SAWS, CPS Energy, City of San Antonio Planning Commission, the San Antonio River Authority, and the West Chamber of Commerce. He presented the following climate projections for the end of the century as completed by Dr. Hatim Sharif of the University of Texas at San Antonio:

	Low Emissions Pathway	High Emissions Pathway
Summer maximum temperature	+6°F	+10°F
Hot days (maximum temperature >100°F)	+48 days	+94 days
Warm nights (minimum temperature >80°F)	+10 nights	+55 nights
Annual precipitation	-3 inches	-4 inches

Mario Martinez stated that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the American Medical Association (AMA) all agreed that climate change created conditions which impacted human health. He reviewed health conditions which resulted from:

- Air pollution
- Changes in Vector ecology
- Increasing allergens
- Water quality impacts
- Water and food supply impacts
- Environmental degradation
- Extreme heat
- Severe weather

Mr. Melnick stated that the post August 2019 draft edits included:

- Additional partners to strategy lead/partner agencies
- Updated public engagement summary
- Amended community mitigation strategy #8
- Added language to implementation process
- Added 2018 CPS Energy electricity generation figures to table on page 62

He reviewed the public engagement summary as of September 19, 2019. He stated that staff proposed an enhancement to the dashboard to highlight business and industry. He presented the responsibilities and membership of the draft Technical & Community Advisory Committee. He stated that the CAAP would be presented to the City Council at B Session on October 2, 2019 and at A Session on October 17, 2019.

Citizens to be Heard

Rachel Wolf stated that the CAAP did not include a plant-based effort. She suggested that efforts be directed to educational programs for a plant-based structure.

John Bachman stated that a vegetarian-based diet was important and the meat industry contributed to global warming.

Diana Lopez read an open letter to Mayor Nirenberg and the City Council from members of the CAAP Technical Working Group regarding equity.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked of any correlation between heat and domestic violence. Colleen Bridger stated that violence increases as the temperature increases. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan suggested the placement of cooling systems in parks.

Councilmember Peláez expressed support for the CAAP and the science behind it. He moved to recommend and forward the CAAP to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Mr. Melnick reported that a work session briefing of the CAAP was presented to the Planning Commission and a consensus was reached. He stated that the process for development of the CAAP began in June 2017 with the passage of a Resolution supporting the Paris Climate Agreement. He noted that a briefing on the status of the CAAP was presented to the City Council on August 22, 2019. He stated that with the assistance of a local consultant, localized climate projections were made for the end of the century. He noted that in 2016, building energy and transportation accounted for 85% of San Antonio's greenhouse gas emissions. He stated that the CAAP was comprised of two groups of strategies for: 1) Greenhouse gas mitigation; and 2) Adaptation. He noted that the goal of the CAAP was to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2050. He stated that the CAAP would address climate equity. He reviewed the draft CAAP update objectives and the implementation process. He noted that staff proposed the creation of:

- CAAP Technical and Community Advisory Committee
- CAAP Climate Equity Committee
- City of San Antonio (CoSA) CAAP Executive Team
- CoSA CAAP Delivery Team

He stated that staff would complete a full Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory assessment every two years beginning with 2018 data and would reassess and update the CAAP every three to five years from the adoption date.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia suggested that reporting should be increased to quarterly or annually. She requested a historical analysis for the last 10 years and suggested that a GHG inventory be performed annually. She asked what percentage of constraints to the CAAP were due to awareness and behavior. Mr. Melnick stated that he would provide that information. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked of the number of engagement events hosted and the number of attendees from Council District 4. She requested a list of entities which received a presentation on the CAAP.

Chairwoman Sandoval recommended that the Community and Technical Committees coordinate with a Council Committee. She recommended that a communication group be created and a GHG inventory be performed every two years or more. She suggested that the CAAP be updated at the same time that the GHG inventory was performed. She asked if comments and responses were included on the website. Mr. Melnick replied that comments and responses would be on the website next week. Chairwoman Sandoval requested that the Committee be notified when the comments and responses were on the website.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to recommend and forward the CAAP pending language revisions, to the City Council at B Session. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Denice F. Treviño, Office of the City Clerk