



MEETING MINUTES
SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee
November 17, 2020
6:00 PM
Virtual – WebEx

SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee Members:

Aaron Arguello At large	Diana Lopez-Perez At large
Dr. Adelita Cantu At large	Eloisa Portillo-Morales At large
Anacua Garcia At large	Joshua Scott At large
Jesus Garcia-Gonzalez At large	Dr. Joseph Simpson At large
Harjot Kaur At large	Tristan Tovar At large

**Indicates Not Present*

Office of Sustainability Staff Presenters: Douglas Melnick, Julia Murphy, Minerva Defee
Facilitators: Lupita González, Nick Burgett

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Doug Melnick at 6:05pm

II. Public Comments

No citizens signed up to be heard.

III. Staff Briefing

Lupita González and Nick Burgett introduced the meetings norms while Julia Murphy covered the committee roles and expectations, and cross-committee coordination standards. Minerva Defee then introduced the concept of climate equity by explaining its importance, outlining the definition as it is included in the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP), and reviewing the Climate Equity Screening Tool.

Office of Sustainability staff then presented on the history and contents of the CAAP. Topics included the following:

- History of climate plans and actions to date
- SA Climate Ready and current City Council priorities
- Current status of climate change
- Climate projections by the end of the century
 - Impacts and risks of inaction
- The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory

- GHG reduction pathway
- GHG Framework
 - Mitigation strategies
 - Adaptation strategies
- Strategies in development or implementation
- The SA Climate Ready Engagement & Communications Initiative

Lupita González and Nick Burgett led a joint reflection exercise. Input from committee members can be found as an attachment to the minutes.

IV. **Determination of Next Meeting Date**

Lupita González and Nick Burgett presented the proposed dates for required trainings as well as for future quarterly meetings. Required trainings will not be open to the public but all quarterly meetings will be broadcast on social media and on the Office of Sustainability's website.

Climate Science 101 Sessions:

- January or February 2021: Dr. Andrew Dessler, TAMU

Required Training Sessions:

- January 2021: **Historical Truths Unveiled: An Introduction to Racism in the U.S.** (4 hrs)
- February 2021: **Examining Power and Its Impact** (2 hrs)
- February 2021: **Coaching Skills as Race Equity Tools** (1.5 hrs)

Meeting Schedule 2020/21:

- **Q1** – March
- **Q2** – June
- **Q3** – September
- **Q4** – December

V. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Reflection Exercise #1

What else do you need to more fully equip you for this role and/or process?

✓ what does city council expect from our committees?

Training on an array of

In light of COVID, how are we going to pay for many of these programs?

✓ Where can we get list bios of participants with contact info?

Understanding of how our discussions in committee are used for policymakers? ✓ focus

I would like additional information on where other cities are in relation to their CAA

A list of what you expect us to advise on

A directory of organizations working in this ecosystem

the types of feedback of information that CoSA or City Council would want from us?
specific mechanisms through which we provide advice (briefings, etc.)

What are other countries doing?

Clarity on the climate science and data

Leaders in Climate Sustainability, other city models that are being used

Best practices on adapting climate readiness from other cities around the world

Would love to have more info on successes in other cities - no

Paris Climate Agreement goals

need to reinvent wheel... ✓

More conversations on expectations for individual roles in committees ✓

Will the US become the policing power for those countries who violate

involving the community, engagement, listening

Are our goals science-based, aspirational, legislated, or how-set?

How decisions are being made and by who

resources for most up-to date data on climate change as well as i

understanding of the implementation of the goals within the public utilities, or the role the utilities play with a

discussion of timelines and milestones

list of priorities of what we should accomplish in committee?

What does it cost not to do ac

Reflection Exercise #2

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Meeting the goals of the plan and improving the lives of residents

That we adapt reasonable, thoughtful and meaningful change

seeing engagement of many individuals from diverse communities/backgrounds

A balanced decision making process that reached out goals & measures

Carbon net 0 by 2040!

Identifiable metrics, goals for those metrics, and meeting those

A balanced decision making process that is actually attainable. Not something we

A transparent process that is accountable to those most impacted.

implementing policies that actually move toward net-zero goal, not just incremental.

reducing heat-related fatalities

a list of affordable, tangible goals

Focusing on solutions and not division

It seems the 2050 goal met by 2040 so that I'd feel good about my grandchildren's future

business community buy-in towards actively implementing SA climate goals on time

climate action portrayed as an ethical imperative

buy in from community

action item tracker

living, breathing equity in place of verbal equity.

Seeing the strategies come to action

tangible results

Seeing Climate Action be a priority for Mayor and Council

Seeing climate adaptation that is equitable to San Antonio's at risk communities

Making our city better for my grandchildren!

Putting all city fleet vehicles on electrical

business community buy-in and active engagement towards Paris goals

Reflection Exercise #3

What does success look like for the community?

Increased ecological conscience

first do no harm

Community members realize the value of participation.

recognize 'the ways things were' wasn't good enough for many; do better.

more understanding of the benefits of public transportation--for all ✓

balance between equity and REAL change

sustainable lifestyle change that improves the lives of community members
New policies benefit all San Antonio residents

greenhouse gas inventory meeting our CAAP goals

(equitably)

understandings and agreements

Accountability and consistent focus on equitable climate action in all city processes

Another 300 years of San Antonio ✓

accessible, equitable, intentional changes available for all

Equitable access to needs brought on by climate change

Consider carefully the economic and social impact of our decisions

closing the spruce power plant asap

shared benefits of investments

bringing together the environmental and business communities to common

education that these changes are necessary for future generations

moving away from the carbon market based system and offsets as those pose false solutions to t

✓ Equitable outcomes for those most impacted and underserved prioritized first

including the voice of important business sectors such as energy, tourism, manuf

Building trust with community

technical and community committee working closely with equity committee