



## COMMUNITY CLIMATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2014

*Present* Mitch Jacobson, Roger Duncan, Jere Locke, Al Armendariz, Francois Levy, Kaiba White, Joep Meijer, Paul Stinson (for Jim Marston)  
*Members:*  
*Phoned in:* Pam Reed, David Cortez, Mary Dodd  
*City of Austin Staff* Zach Baumer, Lewis Leff, Woody Raine, Paul DiGiuseppe, Babu Chakka, Gordon Derr  
*Citizens* Brandi Clark Burton, Bob Murray

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### I. Public Input

- Brandi Clark Burton- Austin EcoNetwork: Suggested setting aside specific sessions for systems diagraming.
- Bob Murray- Plans to work with at least 1 Technical Advisory Group to do graphical mapping of systems.

### II. Discussion of the Schedule

- All documents will be made public on <http://austintexas.gov/page/community-greenhouse-gas-emissions>
- Any comments about altering the schedule (sent to group) can be emailed to staff liaison.
- Brandi Clark Burton suggested using Google Groups.
- Presenters for meetings can be suggested via email.
- Member Duncan mentioned that adaptation should be a part of the final plan.
- Discussion regarding the EPA rule on power plants; Member Armendariz stated TCEQ will finalize rules within next two years.

### III. Briefings on approved City of Austin plans and resolutions that affect GHG emissions

- The 2007 Austin Climate Protection Resolution- Zach Baumer, Office of Sustainability
- Imagine Austin- Paul DiGiuseppe, Planning and Development Review
  - Hosted IA Meetup events for over 200 citizens for community engagement.
  - Member Roger Duncan commented that the most difficult task is freight movement for food, manufactured goods, etc.; emissions are rising. Asked if Imagine Austin address freight.
    - Paul stated that the Healthy Austin initiative attempts to increase production of local food and is trying to recruit more green industries into Austin to become more self-sustaining
  - Member Joep Meijer stated that defining system bounds in the Technical Advisory is needed; is the boundary within the City limits? Also, how do we create buy-in from community businesses who are economically impacted by traffic conditions?
  - Paul stated that they have a priority program team that will look at economic development.
  - Al, of Sierra Club, mentioned that Austin is one of the fastest growing cities and asked Paul if part of the community input of Imagine Austin took into account that turning Austin into something like Manhattan was a prerequisite.
  - Paul stated that for the citizen input; they had five land-use scenarios. Indicators were very influential and that's why compact and connected was chosen. IA was



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sensitive to creating people-friendly places like Paris, that are scaled to humans (5 stories high) instead of places like Manhattan.

- Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan- Babu Chakka, Austin Energy
  - Provided a 2 year update
  - Stated that AE isn't required to meet full load or to build/own generation because of ERCOT nodal market.
  - Purchase ~18% off of the market now.
  - There was much discussion about graph on page 9
    - Shows peak demand time; not a yearly average
    - Members suggested that it should show Austin Energy's number rather than ERCOT's number (Babu stated that they do use AE numbers internally)
  - September report to Council on updated Generation Plan
- Strategic Mobility Plan- Gordon Derr, Austin Transportation Department
  - On August 7<sup>th</sup> they will present the Central Corridor Urban Rail bond proposal to Council to get on the November ballot
  - The Transportation Technical Advisory Group will move forward with trying to decrease GHG emissions down to zero
  - Mr. Derr mentioned that finding the most cost effective method to address congestion and move people efficiently was a key departmental driver
  - Bob Murray suggested to Mr. Derr to use metric tons/carbon per freight lb mile traveled to show how to reduce GHG
  - Member Duncan mentioned that the plan will either encourage people to get out of a vehicle or switch the type of fuel the vehicle uses – need to know what % of the public is expected to use alternative transit with the plan?
- Austin Resource Recovery Zero Waste Master Plan
  - To be presented at next meeting
- Community Inventory, Protocol, and Boundaries
  - To possibly be presented at next meeting