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COMMUNITY CLIMATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2014

Present Roger Duncan, Al Armendariz, Kaiba White, Joep Meijer, Paul Stinson
Members: (for Jim Marston), David Cortez, Mary Dodd, Pam Reed, Todd Hemingson, Jere Locke, Mike Blackhurst, Jeremy Martin
Phoned in: Kevin Tuerff, Katherine Searcy
City of Austin Staff Zach Baumer, Lewis Leff, Woody Raine, Lucia Athens
Citizens Brandi Clark Burton
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I. Public Input

- Brandi Clark Burton- Austin EcoNetwork
 - Suggested that Steering Committee website include Technical Advisory Group meeting dates, presentations, notes etc.
 - Suggested that TAG liaisons attend Steering Committee Meetings and that each liaison have a backup. Group agreed.
 - Suggested that Energy TAG should cover Green Building and that no committee has taken Water but perhaps should go under Energy.
 - Suggested that Land-Use fall under Transportation TAG; either way it needs to be represented.

II. Briefings/ Presentations

- **Austin Resource Recovery Zero Waste Plan (Woody Raine)**
 - The Zero Waste TAG is working on figuring out the percentage of local material flows now vs. future
 - Question was asked: is there going to be any additional downtown collection, to reach 75%?
 - Woody responded that that would be a council item that hasn't been up for discussion at this point
 - Question was asked; if Woody could speak about methane emissions at existing landfills and will the City have to permit another one?
 - Woody stated that he wasn't sure and that Landfill representatives would be present at the next Waste TAG meeting.
- **Community inventory, protocol, boundaries (Zach Baumer)**
 - Question asked about natural gas leakage measurement; group requested that Energy and Natural Gas TAG report back on measuring local and upstream leaks.



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- **Challenges and Opportunities for Climate Leadership (Mike Blackhurst)**
 - Most of the plans today from other cities are deterministic – have a baseline, target, schedule of reductions
 - Consider demand for lighting, heating, cooling, driving; Services; Technology
 - Elasticities may help in determining actions and how they impact choices
 - There will be variation each year in total emissions for a community, but overall reductions can occur for interim targets
 - There is no magic in mitigation measures: supply side, demand side, offsets, and shrink

- III. Group talked about continuing the conversation about scope/boundaries, other cities plans and strategies/actions, and email any feedback about the public engagement strategy to staff