

# Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting Record

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**GdgmMeeting Date:** September 21, 2021

**Convened:** 9:01 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 10:42 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Paula Blackmon, Chair  
Paul E. Ridley, Vice Chair  
Carolyn King Arnold  
Adam Bazaldua  
Jaime Resendez  
Jaynie Schultz  
Chad West

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Other Council Members Present:**

**Presenters:**

Michael Gange, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability  
Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability  
Sandy Greyson, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Task Force

## AGENDA

Call to Order (9:01 a.m.)

**A. Approval of the August 2, 2021 Environmental and Sustainability Committee Minutes**

**Presenter(s):** Paula Blackmon, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2021 Environmental and Sustainability Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Jaynie Schultz  
Item passed unanimously: X  
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Paul E. Ridley  
Item passed on a divided vote:  
Item failed on a divided vote:

**B. Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP): Goals, Targets & Actions**

**Presenter(s):** Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Plans for CECAP implementation in light of budget discussions and allocations. Possible need to legislate additional provisions in building code to reduce energy usage. Impaired waterbodies. Communication and education strategies for the public. Safe and reliable transportation infrastructure.

Motion made by:  
Item passed unanimously:  
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:  
Item passed on a divided vote:  
Item failed on a divided vote:

**C. City Business Climate Alliance - Update**

**Presenter(s):** Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Requested the survey to nonimate leadership and working group members. Governance and workplan of the partnership agreement.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

**D. ENVS Committee Discussion on ENVS Committee Priorities for FY22 & FY23**

**Presenter(s):** Paula Blackmon, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Policies from the CECAP and Councilmembers process to help the plan move forward and implement policies. Communication plan of the CECAP on a regional platform with adjacent cities. Solar and energy saving initiatives. Micromobility, ridesharing options and solar energy. Water and air contamination policies. Treescaping and retro fitting city facilities with solar panels.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

**E. Proposed Environmental Commission – Technical Resource Panel Members**

**Presenter(s):** Michael Gange, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Community organizing and communication. The benefit of having a member in both the task force and the commission.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

**F. Environment and Sustainability Task Force Update**

**Presenter(s):** Sandy Greyson, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Task Force

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Role and function of the new Environmental Commission. Flow of recommendations and ideas from the Environmental Commission. Communication task force as part of the commission.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Adjourn (10:42 a.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**

**Paula Blackmon, Chair**  
**Environment & Sustainability Committee**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**Juan Garcia, Committee Coordinator**  
**Environment & Sustainability Committee**