

# Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2021

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

**Adjourned:** 10:55 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:**

Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability  
Jay Council, Director, Sanitation Services Department  
Sarah Standifer, Assistant Director, Dallas Water Utilities  
M. Renee' Johnson, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation  
Erick Thompson, Director, Building Services Department  
Srinivas Vemuri, Senior Program Manager, Building Services Department

## AGENDA

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

**A. Approval of the October 4, 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 October 4, 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. Energy Management for City Buildings**

**Presenter(s):** Erick Thompson, Director, Building Services; Srinivas Vemuri, Senior Program Manager

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Focus on transportation that accounts for 68% of emissions, in comparison to 6% emissions from building services. City's electricity use. Cost effectiveness of solar PV systems and the economic difference between electric and solar power. Cost-comparison study that would determine the most efficient way to provide solar electricity. City-owned solar PV initiatives versus contracting with third party utilities. Policy recommendation process between the Committee and the commissions. Possibility of using PACE funds for the City in terms of upgrading buildings. Leasing solar storage

equipment instead of purchasing it. Nonfinancial benefits to retrofitting older buildings such as emission reduction. Lobbying Oncor or the State to bridging the gap in transmission costs. A motion was made to examine the possibility of working with Oncor and the State to bridge the potential costs, brief the Environmental Commission and return to Committee with actionable items.

Motion made by: Paul E. Ridley  
Item passed unanimously: X  
Item failed unanimously:

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

**C. Sanitation Services Performance & Initiatives Update**

**Presenter(s):** Jay Council, Director, Sanitation Services Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: The number of alleys and residents being serviced throughout the City. The lifespan of McCommas Landfill and systemic issues being faced throughout the City. Market for organic brush and recycling programs. Possibility of selling 100% of the recycled materials. Completion of the 2011 Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) implementation strategies. Re-engaging community stakeholders in 2022 regarding the implementation of the LSWMP. Community outreach with residents in the pilot programs to solicit feedback and those outside of the pilot programs. Pilot program working with neighborhoods to test curb pick up versus alley pick up.

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. Emerald Ash Borer Planning Update**

**Presenter(s):** City of Dallas Forestry Team: Sarah Standifer, Assistant Director, Dallas Water Utilities; M. Renee' Johnson, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Anticipation of new emerald ash borer populations in the spring and summer. Possible carbon credits for the Trinity Forest before future infestation and are no longer eligible.

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. Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) FY 20-21 Performance Summary Memo**

**Presenter(s):** Susand Alvarez, Assistant Director, Environmental Quality & Sustainability

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed:

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 (10:55 a.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**  
**Paula Blackmon, Chair**  
**Environment & Sustainability Committee**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
**Juan Garcia, Committee Coordinator**  
**Environment & Sustainability Committee**