

Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: February 3, 2020

Convened: 9:05 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:24 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Omar Narvaez, Chair
Tennell Atkins, Vice Chair
Paula Blackmon
David Blewett
Jennifer S. Gates

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

N/A

Presenters:

Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity & Inclusion
James McGuire, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability
Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability
Zaida Basora, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects (AIA)

AGENDA

Call to Order (9:05 a.m.)

1. Approval of the January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Omar Narvaez, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2020 Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting.

Motion made by: David Blewett
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

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

2. Green Buildings, Sustainable Building Strategies in Dallas

Presenter(s): Zaida Basora, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Executive Director Zaida Basora presented an overview of sustainability efforts by the Green Buildings Program in Dallas. Director Basora further described the context which led Dallas to adopt Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Director Basora shared information about the Municipal Green Building Program, adopted on January 22, 2003 and the over 40 LEED certified buildings in Dallas. Director Basora provided ample examples of LEED buildings throughout the city. Councilmember Atkins asked if contractors are receiving credit for LEED buildings. Director Basora shared that they receive the LEED plaque. Chair Omar Narvaez asked what the payback was on LEED gold and platinum. Director Basora said that they are comparable but that they may take 18 months to see a payback. Information only.

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3. CECAP: Resilient and Energy Efficient Buildings powered by Sustainable, Renewable Energy

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Mr. McGuire presented an overview of the Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and OEQS to have Resilient and Energy Efficient Buildings powered by Sustainable, Renewable Energy. Ms. Alvarez gave an overview of Dallas' participation in Dallas 2030 District, which is part of a national movement of central business districts to reduce energy and water use by 50%. Ms. Alvarez further outlined draft plans for Dallas to use renewable, reliable and affordable energy and that Dallas' buildings are energy efficient. Information only. Ms. Alvarez shared that a draft plan would be available for public review February 3 and will extend to March 3. Councilmember Atkins asked about LED lights for street lights. Mr. McGuire shared that they are working with ONCOR to address using LED lights for street lighting. Councilmember Atkins asked for more information about power gridding and difference in reliability in one area relative to another. Ms. Andrea from Oncor received the question from the audience and said that interrupted power between areas is dependent on feeders to the area. Councilmember Blackmon asked if other governmental entities have similar policies regarding energy efficiency. Ms. Alvarez answered that Dallas Independent School District recently hired a sustainability manager and that a partnership is being pursued. Councilmember Blewett followed Councilmember Blackmon's interest in building partnerships and similar goals with other governmental entities. Chairman praised the Dallas 2030 District and asked about how it can be expanded. Mr. McGuire said that it may require non-profit or governmental intervention to initiate dialogue. Information Only.

Adjourn (10:24 a.m.)

APPROVED BY:

Omar Narvaez, Chair
Environment and Sustainability Committee

ATTESTED BY:

Yolanda Ramirez, Coordinator
Environment and Sustainability Committee