



City of San Marcos Sustainability Committee Regular Meeting Minutes May 24, 2021

Agenda #	Agenda Caption	Action/Direction
I.	Call to Order	<p>The Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 held virtually via Zoom.</p> <p>Chair Maxfield Baker called the Committee Meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.</p>
II.	Roll Call	<p>Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Maxfield Baker Vice Chair Jane Hughson</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Joe Pantalion, Tyler Hjorth, Sabas Avila, Shannon Mattingly, Laurie Moyer, Greg Carr, Shana O.Brian, Amy Thomaides, Jan De La Cruz</p>
1.	Action Items Election of Sustainability Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.	A motion recommending appointment of Board Members Maxfield Baker as Chair and Jane Hughson as Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Committee was made by Board Member Baker and seconded by Board Member Hughson.
2.	Hold discussion and take action on Sustainability Committee purpose Statement.	A motion recommending adoption of purpose statement "To promote sustainable practices as defined in the City Council Sustainability Strategic Initiative." was made by Board Member Baker and seconded by Board Member Hughson.
3.	Discussion Items Hold discussion regarding updates on current sustainability initiatives.	Jan De La Cruz provided status updates on the low-income weatherization program and turf limits ordinance, and Tyler Hjorth provided status update on the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program. Discussion was held regarding promotion of the REC

		program and recognition of participating businesses. Tyler Hjorth will talk to the Chamber about stickers, and Amy Thomaides will talk to them about bringing back the Natural Resource Committee.
4.	Hold follow-up discussion on MOA with TCEQ regarding locally enforced motor vehicle idling limitations rule.	Discussion was held regarding enforceability of the City's anti-idling ordinance in the ETJ. The Committee directed staff to develop a Council resolution amending the ordinance to read "within 1000 ft of the ETJ". Shana O'Brian will verify this amendment with the Legal Department.
5.	Hold discussion and receive direction on new Slow Streets strategic Initiative.	Sabas Avila and Laurie Moyer provided info on existing efforts to slow speeds, and discussion was held regarding mapping of auto, pedestrian and bike accident in the state's CRIS database (CRIS). CAMPO is awarding a contract for a metrics dashboard to include CRIS which should be ready in about 6 months. The Committee directed staff to bring this item back for update when the CAMPO dashboard is ready.
6.	Hold discussion and receive direction on new Historic Preservation strategic initiative.	Council Member Baker inquired if we can use CDBG funds for downtown projects. Discussion was held regarding security and attractiveness of boarded-up store-fronts. Shannon Mattingly says there is an agenda item to talk about CDBG as it relates to historic preservation, and she will research requirements for window fronts and securing buildings. Amy Thomaides said the CVB and Main Street Departments are working on a program to provide historical info on boarded-up areas. The Committee directed staff to provide an update at the next meeting.
7.	Hold discussion and receive direction on new Landscaping and Green Space strategic initiative.	Due to time constraints, this item was pushed to the next meeting.

8.	Hold follow-up discussion and receive direction on 2021-2022 sustainability strategic initiatives.	Due to time constraints, this item was pushed to the next meeting.
9.	<p style="text-align: center;">Future Agenda Items</p> Discuss topics and timing of next Sustainability Committee meeting.	Next meeting to be scheduled the last week of July at 2 or 3 pm.
III.	Adjournment	Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. without objection.

 Staff Liaison (Director)

 Committee Chair