



City of Davis
Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Meeting Minutes
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
October 27, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jordan Blough, Jim Cramer, Jessica Murray, Sara Moore

Commissioners Absent: Jacob Byrne, Ann Trump Daniel, Alana Gamage

Council Liaisons Present: Donna Neville

Staff Present: Adrienne Heinig, Deputy Director, Public Works Utilities & Operations
Sam Blacklock, Climate Action & Resilience Program Manager
Eric Lee, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to at 6:00 p.m. with J Cramer serving as acting chairperson.

2. Approval of Agenda

J Blough moved, seconded by J Murray to remove Item 6B and table until the next meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Moore, Murray
NOES: None
ABSENT: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage

J Blough moved, seconded by S Moore to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Moore, Murray
NOES: None
ABSENT: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons:

- A Heinig noted that the State of the Urban Forest presentation is planned for the November meeting. Additionally, it was announced that J Cramer and S Moore were appointed to serve on the General Plan Committee.
- S Blacklock introduced himself as the new Climate Action & Resilience Program Manager and announced that a Home Energy Score Pilot is about to launch in the City of Davis, in collaboration with Cool Davis.

4. Public Comment

- Chris Granger, Executive Director of Cool Davis. Expressed support for staff and the launch of the Home Energy Score Pilot. Additionally noted that Cool Davis is ready to get started and engage with the community.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Commission Minutes (March 31, 2025)

B. Commission Minutes (May 27, 2025)

C. Commission Minutes (June 23, 2025)

D. Commission Minutes (September 22, 2025)

J Blough moved, seconded by S Moore, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Moore, Murray

NOES: None

ABSENT: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage

6. Regular Items

A. Presentation: Willowgrove Sustainability Plan Review.

E Lee gave a presentation to the Commission on the City planning process and an overview of the project features with a focus on the sustainability plan. Subsequently, the Willowgrove applicant gave a presentation on the sustainability plan and introduced project team members present.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Clarifying questions regarding battery storage potential. The applicant noted that their consultant determined battery storage technology is moving away from home battery storage systems and towards EV cars as home power source options. Additionally, it was noted by the applicant that the site did not have sufficient space for community battery storage and it was not determined to be a feasible option for the proposed development.
- There was a discussion about bike storage options and it was noted that having secure, lighted options for bike storage for residents would be beneficial for the development, particularly for the affordable housing areas and to encourage active transportation.
- Desire for an increased amount of EV chargers within the development, particularly in areas that are publicly accessible.
- Interest in installing scooter and e-bike charging stations in the development, though the applicant noted that the Transportation Commission had decided not to make that recommendation.
- There was a discussion about solar panels and trees within the development with the applicant noting that some areas would receive too much tree shade for effective solar panel placement. Additionally, there was a discussion about ongoing tree care and responsibilities for that maintenance.
- Appreciation was expressed for the applicant for having a detailed sustainability plan and for assessing options that are relevant to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- Chris Granger, Executive Director of Cool Davis. Interested to learn more about carbon mitigation planning and GHG reduction efforts.

Noted that it would be helpful to better understand what local mitigation efforts are possible and what could be incorporated within Development Agreements.

At the close of the discussion, the Commission made the following motions:

J Blough moved, seconded by J Cramer, to state that the CEJC generally supports the project as described and feels the development team has made substantive efforts to align the project with the UFMP and CAAP, and the project would be a good addition to the community from a CEJC perspective. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Moore, Murray
NOES: None
ABSENT: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage

J Moore moved, seconded by J Blough, that the CEJC would like to add the following suggestions for the project for consideration by the applicant, the Planning Commission and City Council:

- Lighted, secure bike parking
- Increasing publicly available EV charging
- Identifying areas in the project where you could feasibly go beyond minimum city codes
- Ensure walking paths and trails are shaded by trees as much as possible

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Moore, Murray
NOES: None
ABSENT: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage

B. Commission Business: Establishment of Commission Subcommittee.

This item was removed from the agenda and tabled for a future meeting.

C. Commission Business: November Meeting Date Attendance

A Heinig introduced this item with commissioners to determine if a quorum of commissioners will be present at the November 24, 2025 meeting. It was determined that at least four members of the Commission would be in attendance.

No formal action was taken on this item and no public comment was received.

7. Long Range Calendar

A Heinig reviewed the upcoming topics on the Long Range Calendar, including the November meeting which had presentations planned on the annual State of the Urban Forest, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) update, and the General Plan.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Moving the upcoming CAAP update from the November meeting to the January meeting or after.
- Consider shifting the timing of the CAAP and State of the Urban Forest updates in the future so that they are staggered instead of back-to-back months.

When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- Chris Granger, Executive Director of Cool Davis. Observed that there are other initiatives happening regionally that could be of interest to the Commission including a climate commission for Yolo County being reconstituted as well as a new climate resilience collaborative. It was also noted that other communities are having commissioners sit on these regional bodies.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:44 p.m.