



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

Commissioners Present: Jordan Blough, Jacob Byrne, Michelle Byars, Jim Cramer, Ann Trump Daniel, Alana Gamage

Commissioners Absent: John Reuter, Keara Tuso, Colin Walsh

Council Liaisons Present: Donna Neville

Staff Present: Stan Gryczko, Assistant City Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byrne at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

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

- M Byars provided updates to the Commission on recent actions from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) against California waivers to allow stricter vehicle emission standards.
- S Gryczko noted that two new commissioners will be starting at the next meeting and that the alternate position is not currently filled.

4. Public Comment

- Alan Hirsch: Expressed concern about the potential for privatization of the urban forest within the City of Davis which could increase costs to the city and reduce the quality of the urban forest.

5. Regular Items

A. Discussion: Second Look – Draft Environmental Justice Framework

S Gryczko provided a verbal overview of updates to draft environmental framework as discussed during Commission meeting in May.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Background was provided about the initial formation of the draft environmental justice framework within the former Natural Resources Commission.
- Appreciation expressed for the previous work performed to complete this draft of the framework.
- Observations that it would be helpful to get City Council's input on the framework.
- Questions were raised about the definition of affected groups, what implementation would entail, and how any future data gathering would

occur. In response, it was noted that the absence of definitions can be beneficial as it allows each commissioner to bring their own definitions and perspectives to future discussions.

- It was observed that the upcoming General Plan update may have an environmental justice component and it would be helpful to revisit this discussion in the future to ensure alignment with the commission's framework.
- It was mentioned that the intent of the framework was to act as guidance for commissioners.
- During the discussion, A Gamage moved to use the framework document as an assessment for how well the commission is meeting it's authorizing resolutions. The motion failed for lack of a second.

M Byars moved, seconded by J Cramer for the Climate and Environmental Justice Commission to adopt environmental justice and equity framework for use in their efforts. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Byrne, Byars, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage
NOES: None
ABSENT: Reuter, Tuso, Walsh

M Byars moved, seconded by J Cramer to request City Council to agendaize this item and to consider using this framework for developing the environmental justice elements of the General Plan and that the framework is sent to the commission workgroup being formed to work on the General Plan. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Byrne, Byars, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage
NOES: None
ABSENT: Reuter, Tuso, Walsh

J Byrne moved, seconded by M Byars to request City Council to notify other commissions of the Climate and Environmental Justice Commission's adoption of this framework and to solicit response and input from other commissions on the framework itself. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Byrne, Byars, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage
NOES: None
ABSENT: Reuter, Tuso, Walsh

When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- Alan Hirsch: Noted that tree regulations are not enforced and enforcement needs to be addressed before taking on other issues.

6. Long Range Calendar

The commission discussed the Long Range Calendar and upcoming items for discussion. Additional topics proposed for the August and September meetings included reviewing the process for commissions to bring items to City Council as well as a framework subcommittee discussion. The Commission discussed that it

would be helpful to assess other potential meeting dates/times to increase commissioner attendance, and that a review of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) would be useful. S Gryczko responded that November would be a good timeframe for the CAAP this as it would enable new staff to be in attendance.

When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- Alan Hirsch: Questioned whether any commission was focusing on the collective environmental impact of the General Plan.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:30 p.m.