



Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Minutes
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
July 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jordan Blough, Jacob Byrne, Ann Trump Daniel, Alana Gamage, John Reuter, Keara Tusó, Colin Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Michelle Byars, Jim Cramer

City Council Liaison: Donna Neville

Staff Present: Kerry Loux, Sustainability Program Manager, CEJ Staff Liaison
Zoe Mirabile, City Clerk
Stan Gryczko, Public Works Utilities & Operations Director
Charlie Murphy, Urban Forest Manager

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1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** 6:01 p.m. by Chair J Byrne
 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by J Reuter, seconded by J Blough, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Blough, Daniel, Gamage, Reuter, Tusó, Walsh, Byrne
NOES: None
ABSENT: Byars, Cramer
 3. **Introduction of Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Members:** All Commissioners present introduced themselves.
 4. **Public Comment:**
Alan Hirsch: The City does not allow the public to show photos or presentations on-screen during public comment for City Council and Commission meetings. The City should consider allowing the public to present visuals during meetings.
 5. **Regular Items**
 - A. **Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Purpose and Functions**
Staff presented information from the Commission Orientation Packet related to CEJC's purpose and functions.

Public comment:

Alan Hirsch: Asked questions related to public communications to the commission and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) implementation.

Chris Granger, Executive Director of Cool Davis: Impacts of transportation-related greenhouse gases are under the purview of the Transportation Commission. Due to

potential overlap among commissions, encourage CEJC to conduct broad-thinking discussions, especially with the role of commissions in the General Plan process.

Commission discussion included encouraging public participation at commission meetings, procedural requirements related to communications and record keeping, suggest potential addition to commission scope to address human-related issues, and commissions provide opportunity for community outreach and education.

B. Orientation of Programs Under the Purview of the CEJC

Staff presented information contained in the Commission Orientation Packet related specifically to CEJC, the enabling resolution(s) and definitions/key terms and program overviews for climate and adaptation, City utilities (solid waste, water, wastewater, stormwater), and urban forestry.

Individual commissioners expressed interest in touring some of the facilities related to utilities and City services.

C. 2024-2025 City Council Goals and Objectives

Donna Neville, City Council Liaison, provided an overview of City Council priorities to help guide and focus commission activities. Of particular note within the 2024-25 Goals are:

- 2. Strengthening Climate Resilience
 - 2.1 Implement the CAAP
 - 2.2 Implement municipal actions to strengthen climate resilience
- 3. Housing—identified goals of incorporating CAAP actions and expanding Vulnerability Assessment with a focus on climate-related impacts
- 5.2 Reduce the City's carbon footprint.

Public comment:

Alan Hirsch: Transportation is not included in CEJC purview. Encourage the commission to control agenda setting.

Chris Granger: There is a need to understand what is included in the CAAP fully. Commission can serve as a resource to City Council related to climate and environmental justice.

Commission discussion included interest in following activities of other city commissions and potential assignment of commissioners to cover topics of mutual concern.

6. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- A. Next meetings - September 23, October 28, 2024
- B. November 25 – tentative meeting due to Thanksgiving week. Consensus to retain the November meeting date.

Commission discussed electing the Chair (and Vice Chair) within the next two meetings.

A Gamage: Consider potential amendments to clarify the commission's scope to address human-related issues and to appoint commissioners to follow the activities of other city commissions.

K Tusó: Request CEJC to get more information about the Environmental Justice Framework developed by the Natural Resources Commission.

7. Adjourned 8:27 p.m.