

Meeting Minutes

Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Meeting #6

SACOG Board Room
1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95605

December 2, 2019

The following Commissioners were present during the meeting:

Alberto Ayala | Executive Director, SMAQMD
Anne Stausboll | Commission Chair
April Wick | Executive Director, Resources for Independent Living
Arlen Orchard | CEO & General Manager, SMUD
Chris Ledesma | Mayor Pro Tem, City of West Sacramento
Dave Tanner | CEO, Sacramento Association of Realtors
James Corless | CEO, SACOG
Khaim Morton | VP Public Policy & Economic Development, Metro Chamber
Laurie Litman | President, 350 Sacramento
Mackenzie Wieser | Planning Commissioner, City of Elk Grove
Meg Arnold | Project Lead & Consultant, Valley Vision
Mike Teel | Owner & Chairman, Raley's
Nailah Pope-Harden | Director, Nailah Outreach Consulting
Nikky Mohana | Principal at Mohanna Development
Robert Nelsen | President, California State University Sacramento
Stephanie Bray | President & CEO, United Way California Capitol Region
Trish Rodriguez | Senior VP & Area Manager, Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento and Elk Grove

Also present during the meeting:

Kate Meis | Executive Director, Local Government Commission
David Tilley | Principal Planner, City of West Sacramento
Remi Mendoza | Senior Planner, City of Sacramento
Jose Bodipo-Memba | Director, Sustainable Communities, SMUD
Alex Ghenis | Policy and Research Specialist, World Institute on Disability
Jackie Cole | Principal, VG Consulting

Kathleen Ave | Senior Climate Program Manager, SMUD

Daniel Woo | Health Program and Policy Specialist, Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health

Call to Order

Chair Stausboll called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

Opening Remarks

Chair Stausboll provided welcoming remarks and noted the Sacramento Transportation Authority's upcoming meeting on the Transportation Expenditure Plan Development. Stausboll provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Update on Commission Activities

Kate Meis provided updates to Commissioners and the public on activities conducted since the last Commission meeting. Meis noted that the new Finance Technical Advisory Committee will be launching December 12th to identify options to finance the implementation of recommendations. Business Roundtables and the Equity Roundtable have been convening, and the Equity Roundtable has been reviewing all recommendations prior to presentation, including the Community Health & Resiliency Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations. Meis provided an update on community engagement, highlighting efforts to coordinate with the cities and to open up additional opportunities for public input. Finally, Meis shared the timeline of the Commission's work leading up to the final Recommendations Report, which will be released in May 2020. All Commission meetings have been scheduled (February 3rd, March 11th, May 13th).

Remarks from Mayor Steinberg

Mayor Steinberg thanked the Commission and the members of the public for engaging in this Commission and taking its mission to heart. He noted that it has been an impressive endeavor thus far that is informing policy discussions and he hopes the work will spread throughout the region. He also expressed a desire for the final recommendations to support implementation on-the-ground, including outcome-based evaluations and benchmarks to share publicly on a regular basis.

City of Sacramento Community Outreach Activities

Remi Mendoza provided updates to the Commissioners on the City of Sacramento general plan. The City is moving to phase 2 of Sacramento's 2040 General Plan Update. Draft measures will be brought forward to the Commission and community for feedback. In December and January, the City will be hosting three meetings, and Climate Action Plan measures will be presented at Feb meeting.

City of West Sacramento Climate Action Plan Update

David Tilley with City of West Sacramento provided an update on activities from West Sacramento. The City's Climate Action Plan update process has official launched, and the City will be working with AECOM

and Jackie Cole. Tilley noted that the Commission's recommendations will be further reviewed for inclusion in the City's CAP and that City staff have been engaging in TAC meetings.

Equity in the Context of Climate Change Panel

Jose Bodipo-Memba presented on SMUD's work focused on climate change and environmental justice. Bodipo-Memba highlighted how life expectancy is based on proximity to environmental hazards, and that the lack of historical investment in communities has created a barrier. SMUD's sustainable communities mission centers around enhancing the quality of life of all communities and their sustainable communities risk heat map will be released in Q1 2020.

Alex Ghenis from the World Institute on Disability presented on equity in the context of climate change and people with disabilities. Ghenis highlighted how people with disabilities are hit first and worst by the impacts of climate change. He shared the differences between the medical and social models of disability, equitable infrastructure considerations, and how equitable adaptation and mitigation can protect all communities, particularly those most vulnerable.

Equity Roundtable

Jackie Cole, principal of VG Consulting and facilitator of the Equity Roundtable, provided an update on the Equity Roundtable since the last Commission meeting. The Equity Roundtable reviewed the Community Health & Resiliency TAC's preliminary recommendations, and she noted that feedback received had been incorporated into the recommendations. Cole presented the Equity Roundtable's priorities to the Commission.

Community Health & Resiliency Preliminary Recommendations

Daniel Woo and Kathleen Ave, co-chairs of the Community Health & Resiliency TAC, presented the TAC's preliminary recommendations. The TAC considered principles of urgency, equity, and power sharing as a critical process objectives. Woo spoke of four interconnected objectives for Community Health & Resiliency: Equity, Health, Resilience, Carbon Zero. Ave and Woo presented the TAC's preliminary strategy recommendations focused on Urban Greening & Forestry, Sustainable Food Systems, and Community Climate Resilience.

Public Comment: Community Health & Resiliency Preliminary Recommendations

Commissioners heard public comments regarding the Community Health & Resiliency preliminary recommendations.

Commission Discussion

Commissioners discussed the Community Health & Resiliency preliminary recommendations and provided feedback for the TAC to consider. Numerous comments were related to implementation and capacity considerations.

Foundational Principles

Julia Kim with the Local Government Commission provided a high-level overview of the intent of Foundational Principles, which are intended to provide additional recommendations to inform how the cities should implement the Commission's recommendations. Kim noted that several themes have come up throughout the TAC processes, including community engagement, regional collaboration, education, accountability, and urgency, which could serve as a starting point for developing Foundational Principles.

Commissioners provided input on potential Foundational Principles. LGC will draft Foundational Principles in collaboration with select Commissioners to present a full draft for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

Public Comment: General

Commissioners heard public comments regarding their efforts at large.

Adjournment

Chair Stausboll adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm