

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Wednesday February 15, 2023 | 6:00 PM

San Marcos Room, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

Call to Order – 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Members Present: Norris, Kerschbaum, Rosalar, Larisey, McLane

Staff Present: Isaac Etchamendy, Development Services Director, Joe Farace, Planning Division Director, Saima Qureshy, Sustainability Program Manager, Song LeBaron, Sr. Management Analyst

Guest Presenter Present: Barbara Boswell (CEO of CEA)

Public Present: Mo Lahsaiezadeh (CEA Community Advisory Committee)

All members provided a brief introduction of themselves.

New Business

1. Election of Chairperson for calendar year 2023;

Motion by Member Rosalar to nominate Member Norris. Motion seconded by Member McLane. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Election of Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2023;

Motion by Member Norris to nominate Member Kerschbaum. Motion seconded by Member Rosalar. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2022 meeting;

Motion by Member Kerschbaum to approve. Motion seconded by Member Rosalar. Motion passed 3-0. New Members Larisey and McLane abstained.


4. Q&A Follow-Up from Traffic Signal Synchronization Presentation.

Isaac Etchamendy recapped the presentation from the last meeting. Members asked questions regarding the extent of signal synchronization, types of signal sensors, and projects to address traffic issues in the City. Isaac Etchamendy discussed freeways and schools as the main sources of traffic, transitioning away from camera sensors because of reliability issues, and a pilot study project aimed at creating better traffic conditions for longer periods of time.

Member Larisey asked about the overall purpose of the CAP Working Group. Chair Norris and Saima Qureshy responded and described the purposes outlined by the City Council Resolution 2020-8820.

5. Clean Energy Alliance (CEA) Presentation by Barbara Boswell, CEO of CEA;

Barbara Boswell introduced herself and presented an overview of CEA, the member cities, goals, governance structure, and how CEA works. Members, Staff, and Barbara Boswell discussed how the transition from SDGE will work, benefits of switching to CEA, where the renewable energy sources are coming from, cost savings and reliability. The CEA launch in April for San Marcos and upcoming outreach events and notices were discussed. Saima Qureshy pointed out the resources



available on CEA's website including educational materials and presentations. The SDG&E exit fee was discussed and Barbara Boswell explained that the fee goes down over time and CEA is actively working to buy contracts from SDG&E that fit CEA's energy needs which will further reduce the exit fee. Barbara Boswell described the conservative approach CEA has with its portfolio. Social media outreach was discussed by the Members and it was agreed that Member Rosaler would take the lead on social media and if any questions/concerns are seen, direct them to CEA's website for more information. The discussion moved to future plans for energy storage and potential locations to consider for battery storage.

Public Comment

Mo Lahsaiezadeh who is serving on the CEA Community Advisory Committee introduced himself and his experience with CEA. He discussed some of the misconceptions and misinformation about programs like CEA, and advice on how to educate the public and the importance of trust and transparency.

Oral Communications

No oral communications.

Working Group Member Comments

Members inquired about the next meeting, staff confirmed the date of the next meeting to be April 19, 2023.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.



KEVIN NORRIS, CHAIRPERSON
CAP WORKING GROUP

ATTEST:



SONG LEBARON, SR. MANAGEMENT ANALYST
CITY OF SAN MARCOS