

1. Public Speaker:

- a. Scott Barstow: Concerns that the budget doesn't address the greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced over the next 5 years and according to the IPCC report on 2/28/2022, there is no time to wait.
- b. Ellen Eggerton: there is no direct measure for the greenhouse effect for each action but only a collective impact. Inventory is done every 3 years and the current measurement is on the 2020 measure. There is no 1 to 1 measure for the actions and projects. We are updating the ECAP (Energy and Climate Action Plan) to provide estimates for some but not all action policies. There is no direct relation between the actions and the budget.
- c. Marta: Is there a way to correlate them in the future?
- d. Ellen: The actions and budgeted projects don't do that. City projects incorporate the actions into each project but there are no projects that ONLY do those types of actions and nothing else.
- e. Scott: Big ticket items to drive down emissions, seems doable to me.
- f. Ellen: Can be done by technologies but we cannot predict the adoption of people to execute that. We don't have a model to estimate how many people will adopt these items. We have a consultant that we are asking for them to do the analysis for the City.

2. Meeting Minutes to Approve

- a. Platform changed and the minutes were added again today. Not ready for approval since all members have not reviewed them.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Commission: **Bill:** Duke Street Transitway is at the public involvement and survey work stage. The advisory group should have conceptual plans and options ready in the Spring. Another community engagement will happen later this year. Regarding climate, the Regional Transportation Board is providing input on strategies that their jurisdictions would support.
- b. Energy and Climate Change Action Plan task force: **Marta** Discussion on Climate vulnerabilities and change adaptation. Daniel Medina spoke about this on flooding issues. The focus was also on the urban heat islands with it being one of the biggest climate risks and the other is flooding. 3/1 Community workshop from 7-930pm with great speakers.
- c. Marta and Kathie met with 6 out of 7 City Council members to discuss the joint letter from Planning, Transportation and EPC Commissions in an effort to push Climate items and encourage energy and sustainability plans in addition to the green building policies. This is an attempt to get developers to think a little more around climate changes. 80% of all existing buildings in 2050 are already built and we need to address the efficiency and renewables for those buildings. Looking to staffing for new programs and to promote the existing programs. City Council was very receptive of the ideas and concerns the EPC had.
- d. **Hilco Meeting: Mike B.** reported that there was a community discussion regarding sustainability planning. It was a high-level presentation. **Mot** talked about soil sampling on site- but with no work on the powerhouse there is still a lot to be done. The sustainability plan should be issued later this spring to include the carbon neutrality analysis. Disappointing to hear they are looking at LEED Silver

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for the whole site. 3/31 – Public Presentation on transportation and 4/18 a meeting with the EPC.

- e. Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation ad hoc advisory group: **Jennifer** shared a few points from this meeting. They have had great progress on the spot improvement projects. Expanding inlets to prevent flooding. The most recent project is at Hume Avenue. The Modeling of the Sanitary Sewer in Old Town to help determine solutions available to prevent flooding in the Old Town area. They also have the Flood Mitigation Grant Program. Owners can get 50% [funding from the City](#) - up to \$5,000 reimbursed for flood mitigation that they do to their own property. Some information is online but they are working on ways to better inform the communities on the program and that should be on the website soon.
4. **Public comments and discussion.** Conversation regarding next steps for recommendations for City Council to include more climate [crisis](#) actions. Items such as CPACE, RPACE, net zero buildings by 2026, having RMI work with the City on a program to help with outreach and information for residents to utilize RPACE, extra staffing and budget for outreach on existing programs.
5. **City Council letter:** Letter to City Council with the top 3 items for recommendations to be drafted by Kathie. The three topics are staffing, Energy and Resilience Plans, and net zero for residential buildings by 2026 and commercial building by 2030.
6. **Next meeting March 21.**

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