



**SACEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Sonia Marcus, John Noor, Geoffrey Habron, Duncan McPherson, Mindy Fisher, Keith McDade

Staff in Attendance: Amber Weaver, Melissa VanSickle

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mindy Fisher motioned to approve the minutes, Duncan McPherson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. UPDATES/REPORTS

a. Waste Reduction: Mindy Fisher and Keith McDade

Ms. Mindy Fisher provided an update about the Waste Reduction Subcommittee. The committee discussed cart-based models and where the city is with researching Pay As You Throw (PAYT). PAYT went to PED and staff suggested to look at methods in coordination with Public Works operations. The report continues to support a cart-based model and the operations would support that as well. Staff will move forward by looking into the details of the operations. Members discussed the possibility of having a pilot and how members can provide ideas and recommendations. Members asked to review the Sustainability Management Plan and discussed the sustainability decision-making process.

b. Duke Energy Partnership: Sonia Marcus, John Noor, and Julie Mayfield

Mr. John Noor is working to collect information at the city level for SACEE and will be contacting individuals to find those interested in an Energy Subcommittee. Ms. Sonia Marcus is serving as a representative on the Energy Innovation Task Force. Councilwoman Julie Mayfield provided an update of the first Energy Innovation Task Force meeting. At the meeting the purpose, structure, and goals of the group were discussed along with an update from the Rocky Mountain Institute retreat. Members discussed the Task Force and its suggested structure. In addition, Ms. Amber Weaver discussed PACE and the report that recently went to the Finance Committee meeting. It was suggested that the Energy Innovation Task Force could potentially look into PACE and the need for enabling legislation was discussed.

c. Food Policy Action Plan: Amber Weaver and Josh O'Conner

Members discussed how to move forward with the Food Policy Council, which will be coming to City Council to ask for funding through a strategic partnerships. Members proposed that a resolution from SACEE would be helpful in this process. Ms. Marcus asked that someone come to discuss this issue at the next SACEE meeting.

Ms. Amber Weaver provided an update of the Sustainability Office’s work concerning food policy. Staff is working on developing applications and speaking with Greenworks about a partnership. Also, the Comprehensive Plan process will have a committee and, simultaneously, the Office of Sustainability will be working on a Climate Adaptation Plan that will need a team to help advise. Ms. Weaver noted that it will be beneficial that the SACEE member who is on the Comprehensive Plan Committee should also be the person who sits on the advisory committee for the Climate Plan.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Community Partner Conversation: GreenWorks

Ms. Dawn Chavez, executive Director of Asheville GreenWorks presented an overview of the organization to SACEE members. Asheville GreenWorks has many volunteer and education outreach programs that work to plant trees, pick up trash, and recycle. Ms. Chavez described the programs and discussed how they are organized and funded.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Sonia Marcus adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m. without objection.

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