



Sustainability Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 1, 2022

6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Via Zoom –

Link to join will be emailed to committee members.

Meeting notice will be posted on the Sustainability Advisory Committee webpage at <https://www.albanyny.gov/342/Sustainability-Advisory-Committee>, the [Sustainable Albany Facebook page](#) and [Albany Office of Sustainability Facebook page](#).

Meeting will be livestreamed via Facebook.

Advance questions/comments from the public can be sent via Facebook message or emailed to: Sustainability@albanyny.gov

Attendees: Tina Lieberman, Dan Kirk-Davidoff, David [Hochfelder](#), Gaby Cebada Mora, Andre Lake, Scott Kellogg, Michelle Rogat, Joe Coffey, Randy Milano, Violetta De Rosa, Bill Trudeau, Frank Zeoli, Jason West

Absent: Harriet [Lewis](#)

Other: Brad Glass, Chris Cech, Emma Morse

- Regular Business – 10 minutes
 - Call to Order and roll call – Commissioners, please send designee if unable to attend
 - Review/Approval of June 2, 2022 minutes
 - Public Comment Period (Approx. 3 minutes per comment)
 - None
- New Business – 80 minutes
 - (5 minutes) Welcome Michael Corso
 - Joined but needs to step away
 - (30 minutes) Planning a Climate Agenda for 2022-2023 (Dan, Jason)
 - Update to City Climate Goals
 - Potential Code Changes
 - New Gas Connection Restrictions
 - External Outreach/Business Development/Proposal Efforts
 - Discussion on elements listed in draft letter to potentially submit to Common Council/Mayor
 - How to maintain economic vitality, not lose economic advantages
 - Provide incentives vs bans/ combination of both



- Climate Action Plans – 50/50 funding through DEC, apply next July for funding and start plan in 2024
 - Update 2030 plan (appendix D)
- Full transition off oil?
- Disadvantaged community threshold (35-40% benefit from any actions)
- Proactively include climate consideration in all action (ex: traffic studies)
- SAC committee voted to not submit draft letter as proposed, smaller group would work on redrafting, and bring before SAC October meeting for review and vote on submission
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- (15 minutes) Proposed By-laws Changes (Tina)
 - Reduce quorum
 - Allow for information-only meeting in the absence of a quorum
 - Current bylaws enforce unexcused absences
 - Can have quorum based on vacancies and can revise bylaws to be majority of active members excluding vacancies – Chris will look into this
 - If quorum is not reached can committee still meet and discuss? Chris will look into
- (5 min) Update on Clean Energy Community Campaigns – 3 campaigns (*Energy Efficiency/Heat Pumps, Community Solar and Electric Vehicles*) approved by NYSERDA on 10-18-2021. (Tina, Jason, Jackie)
 - \$70,000 received thus far in DEC/NYSERDA grants
 - \$ being used to buy two Chevy volt EVs for use at City Hall (delivery TBD due to supply chain issues)
 - Need 10 EV purchases within city (currently have 5) to receive additional grant funding
 - Mailer went out in Water Dept bill for community solar. Albany has highest number of sign-ons of any community at 385+
- (10 min) Review, Approval of Annual Report (Gaby)
 - Working on report
- (15 min) Director of Sustainability, Commissioners and Subcommittee Chairs: Updates
 - Tina: several events coming up, City cannot use Food Scraps 360 any longer without a contract
 - Gaby: no meetings over summer, reconvene in the Fall
 - Andre: no meeting this past month

Commented [TL1]: I thought we'd only get \$15,000 per campaign. Check \$ with Jason

Commented [TL2]: Confirm with Jason



- Daniel: Energy subcommittee reconstituted – discusses CLCPA, Dan will be temporary chair, will meet monthly
- Violetta: had Sandy from CDTA speak on available federal funding
- Upcoming events, calls for Volunteers
 - Need volunteers for upcoming events for Zero Waste and SAC tabling (need table for Madison Ave street fair – DGS will have table there and would take last min volunteer)
 - [Jazz Fest \(Saturday Sept 10th - 12 noon to 8 pm at Jennings Landing, Albany\)](#). We need a good number of volunteers to help out with Zero Waste and to share materials about energy efficiency, electrification and community solar. Please sign up [HERE](#).
 - [Sheridan Hollow Annual Block Party \(Saturday Sept 10th -11 am to 2 pm, 100 block Sheridan Ave, Albany\)](#). Traditional neighborhood event co-sponsored by CDPHP. Food, music, Albany info tables. Volunteers needed to help at a Sustainability Advisory Committee and Zero Waste table, please sign up [HERE](#).
 - [Upper Madison Ave Street Fair -\(Sunday Oct. 2 - 12 noon to 5 pm Between S. Allen and W. Lawrence Streets.](#)

We need volunteers to help out with Zero Waste/food scraps diversion. Please sign up [HERE](#). If anyone would like to manage setting up and organizing a table for the Sustainability Advisory Committee, please let Tina or Jason know or email sustainability@Albanyny.gov.

Next meeting –Thurs. October 6, 2022 at 6 pm.

Adjournment: