

Minutes of the May 26, 2020, ECOS Board Meeting

President Ralph Propper called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Robert Meagher, Slava Bekker, Chris Brown, Gabriel Balensiefer, Earl Withycombe, John Deeter, Ron Maertz, Guy Hall, Janet Koster, Jon Ellison, Laurie Litman, Susan Herre, Chelsea Kelly-Reif, Sean Wirth, Nancy Hughett, Lynne Goldsmith, Marko Pavlovich, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Jennifer Donlon Wyant, Molly Wagner, Muriel Strand, Emel Wadhvani, Greg Bower, Elise Fanderich, Alicia Brown, Anthony Lee, Craig Segall, Nicole Weiss, Molly Wright, Angela Hearing-Jackson, Dan Allison.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan.

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Withycombe, seconded by Maertz): that the minutes of the January 28, 2020, ECOS board meeting, as amended, be approved. Approved unanimously. The agenda of the May 26, 2020, ECOS board meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

II. Sacramento Slow Streets Pilot

City of Sacramento Transportation Manager Jennifer Donlon Wyant made a presentation on Sacramento's Slow Active Streets Pilot. The City received limited funding for the pilot, likely enough for two or three streets. The pilot, which will limit through traffic and promote walking and bicycling, is intended to continue as long as stay-in-place orders are in effect. It will be applied in residential areas where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour, with priority given to disadvantage communities and areas without yards.

Molly Wagner and Alicia Brown, from Walk Sacramento, discussed the efforts of Walk Sacramento and the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates to promote the slow streets pilot, including public outreach. They have received over seven hundred responses to their survey, intended to identify streets that have the most support. About 85% of those responding to the survey support the effort.

Craig Segall discussed efforts in other cities, on a much larger scale, arguing that Sacramento should do more, and continue the effort after shelter-in-place orders are lifted.

Ralph Propper observed that ECOS will be following through to support slow streets.

III. ECOS Board Member Vacancy

The executive committee recommends that the ECOS board appoint Chelsea Kelly-Reif as an at ECOS board member. Chelsea is president of the Sacramento Environmental Democrats. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Maertz): that the ECOS board appoint Chelsea Kelly-Reif as an at large board member. Approved Unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Land Use

Robert Meagher reported that its May meeting the Land Use Committee discussed the missing

middle—gentle infill such as accessory dwelling units and duplexes that increase density without changing neighborhood character. This will require a change to form based zoning. At its June meeting the committee will discuss implementation of Assembly Bill 743, which provides for focus on vehicle miles travelled instead of level of service.

B. Habitat 2020

Sean Wirth reported that Habitat 2020 has been working on groundwater issues. The reorganization of the Water Forum is also underway.

Habitat 2020 has a new committee working on a new initiative to promote habitat acquisition.

C. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

John Deeter and Lynne Goldsmith reported that at the May meeting of the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Committee the committee heard a presentation by Rick Codina about the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) integrated resources plan. The committee will be posting extended notes.

The committee has also been tracking Measure A, the Sacramento Transportation Authority's (STA) transportation financing measure. The county may not necessarily approve putting the measure on the November ballot. It will require a 2/3 vote of the electorate to approve.

Ralph Propper reported that the final meeting of the Mayors' Climate Commission will be on June 17. 350 Sacramento is forming a committee to promote follow through.

Chris Brown reported that on December 10, 2019 the City of Sacramento passed a climate emergency declaration. The committee is seeking declarations by Sacramento County and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

D. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe reported that as a result of cancellation of Earth Day, ECOS raised about \$10,000 to \$15,000 less than budget.

Earl will present to the executive committee a recommendation on whether to apply for a grant or loan under the payroll protection program.

ECOS will send a fundraising letter to ECOS members next week.

E. Director of Operations

Alexandra Reagan reported that there are updates on the ECOS website, including a calendar of events that people can participate in remotely.

ECOS has a zoom account it can use for committee or other meetings.

F. President

Ralph Propper reported that the Community Development Action Team (CDAT) has been focusing on Aggie Square, including work on a proposed community benefits agreement. We hope to start community outreach in the next week.

ECOS, 350 Sacramento and the Sierra Club have been meeting with Sacramento County Supervisors to support funding for development of a climate action plan.

V. Announcements

On June 11, Kim Stanley Robinson will give a talk. More information is available on the 350 Sacramento website.

John Deeter reported that March for Science will have a zoom meeting on June 8 on funding a mural.

Janet Koster reported that the California Native Plant Society had a sale by appointment of native plants. It was very successful.

Guy Hall the City of Sacramento's effort on fast charging for electric vehicles is moving ahead.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.