

**CITY OF DENTON COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT MINUTES**  
**August 24, 2022**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Committee on the Environment of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sustainability Office, 1001 S. Mayhill Rd., Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Brian Beck and Member Jesse Davis

ABSENT: Brandon McGee

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Ben Samples

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**A. COE22-015** - Consider approval of the May 13, 2022 minutes.

**Member Davis moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Member Beck. Motion carried.**

**YES (2): Chair Beck and Member Davis**

**NO (0): None**

**B. COE22-016** – Receive nominations and elect a vice chair.

This item was tabled until the next meeting that all three members are in attendance.

**C. COE22-017** - Receive a report and hold a discussion about the history of the Committee on the Environment, relationship with Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee and upcoming meeting topics.

Katherine Barnett gave the presentation. Barnett gave the background of COE and SFAC. She then talked about the COE topic areas and asked if there were other topics the members would like to see. Members then discussed potential topics. Davis thanked staff for suggesting areas. Beck asked to separate what topics are for COE, SFAC and for both. Davis said he is confident in staff's ability to bring areas to these committees. Beck asked Davis if he sees anything missing on the topics. Davis said no, it reminded him of things that needed to be brought forth.

Barnett will bring a table back with the topics separated.

**D. COE22-018** – Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the Simply Sustainable Framework Implementation and metrics.

James Douglas gave this presentation. Today's focus included: background, 2020 simply sustainable, dashboard, work plan and next steps.

Douglas then gave the background. The metrics and process tracking dashboard was presented with explanation. The framework fund workplan update was shown and reported upon. Barnett elaborated on some of the items. This workplan will be presented to SFAC on Friday, August 26.

There was discussion that followed the presentation. Both members liked the dashboard and metrics. Beck asked when will this go to the public and when to Council. Michael Gange stated it is still very new and wanted to keep internally until we work some of the items out. This will probably be outward facing in the fall. There was further discussion on these topics.

Beck asked about the dashboards between departments and about fleet and car chargers. Gange responded. Davis had a thought about infrastructure, hate to invest in one charger and the new chargers are something different. If staff is confident great if unsure stub electric and wait. Gange responded about what is universal and what would be unique.

Grant funding was also discussed.

**E. COE22-019** - Receive a report and hold a discussion on a regional air quality update including year to date ozone season information and ongoing initiatives.

James Douglas gave this presentation. Today's topics included: background, ozone season update, initiatives, and next steps.

Douglas gave the background and the ozone season update. There was a bar graph and a map with the historical trends and locations that was explained. Other charts were included and discussed.

Ongoing initiatives were outlined with examples. Next steps were talked about and explained.

Davis asked about our education programs and if they discuss weather patterns. Much of the air quality problems come from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Douglas responded about air quality alert messages and explained further. Barnett talked about our monitoring stations to include one in Pilot Point. Members are hopeful on the information that comes out of the monitoring.

**F. COE22-020 – Staff Reports**

1. Bird City Update
2. New Business Action Items - Matrix

These items were discussed.

**2. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Davis – Would like a Greenbelt update

Beck – E-bikes –future plans to limit car miles.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

  
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**BRIAN BECK**  
**CHAIR**  
**CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS**  
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**KIM MANKIN**  
**UTILITY ADMINISTRATION MGR**  
**CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS**

Minutes approved on: September 9, 2022