



**COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

| Attendee Name | Present | Absent | Late | Arrived |
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| Tameika Isaac Devine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Will Brennan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Daniel J. Rickenmann | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10:07 AM |

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Columbia's Climate Protection Action Committee Progress Report - Ms. Mary Pat Baldauf, Sustainability Administrator for the Public Works Department and Dr. Lori A. Ziolkowski, CPAC Chair

Dr. Lori Ziolkowski presented proposed changes to CPAC's bylaws to include having seven voting members and up to eight non-voting members who are not tied to a specific council district. Changes also include clarification on term limits. CPAC also updated its mission statement. She presented an overview on the impact and sources of local greenhouse gas emissions. CPAC is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are looking at how to offer incentives for energy labeling on housing. We are asking the City to seek a carve out from Dominion to source renewables. She suggested that the City partner with Dominion to be a model modern city. CPAC is also working to adapt to climate change. We wrote a grant to NLC for funding to hire a consultant to figure out ways to integrate more community partners in helping to keep more citizens cool. She requested assistance with developing a heat vulnerability index to guide tree planting. A longer term goal is to develop a community climate action plan and provide framework for and make progress towards zero carbon emissions.

Mr. John Cadena, Manager for Economic Development and Local Government / Dominion Energy said he is willing to meet with representatives to discuss programs that are available.

There was a consensus of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee members to determine if changes to the bylaws need to be approved by City Council. Staff was asked to work with the City's federal lobbyists to help us take advantage of available block grants and climate protection resources to help meet CPAC's goals and to determine if we should create an Energy Finance Authority. CPAC will provide quarterly updates to the committee and a full Council briefing will be scheduled in the near future. Dr. Ziolkowski was asked to share case studies with all City Council members.



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2. Dominion Energy Lighting Conversion Program - Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director and Mr. John Cadena, Manager of Economic Development and Local Government for Dominion Energy

Mr. Robert Garvin, Manager for Lighting Services / Dominion Energy presented the HID to LED Conversion Program. HID is the older technology bulbs used in street lights. LED is white light, solid state, and the newest technology. LED does a better job of bending light and offering color clarity. LED is more expensive due to the cost of the fixtures and labor. We will provide incentives that will take you below the cost of HID. We will move the City to LED without any costs to the City and the City will save \$8,000 per month.

There was a consensus of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee members to report out to the full Council today. Staff will vet the pending contract for the lighting conversion project and schedule the contract for City Council's consideration at the appropriate time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk