



## Steering Committee Meeting #1 Summary

March 20, 2018

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

1400 S. Flores - Main Conference Room

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### Introductions

- Doug Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, introduced representatives from the City of San Antonio's Office of Sustainability, CPS Energy, UTSA, and Navigant Consulting. Nils Frenkel from Navigant served as facilitator for the meeting. Attendees from the steering committee introduced themselves.

### Review of Process & Timeline

- Due to the short timeline, the group might have to meet more often than once a quarter. Meeting frequency will be determined after all technical working groups have met.
- The goal is to have a Paris-compliant GHG target by June 29, 2018 and a draft climate action and adaptation plan by the end of the year.
- Liaisons and Chair from the Steering Committee (SC) will be selected by the Mayor to help with communication between the Technical Working Group (TWG) and SC. Encourage the cross-pollination of ideas.
- SC helps bring perspective of the community but also helps with engagement by communicating to respective organizations or companies about SA Climate Ready. SC helps amplify the message and process.
- Equity is not just the responsibility of the Climate Equity TWG but a shared responsibility across TWGs and SC. The process should be transparent and fair and engage the most vulnerable communities. Be cognizant that climate impacts differ across demographic groups and understand vulnerabilities that exist in the community. Identify solutions that do not exacerbate equity issues.

### SA Climate Ready Vision + Priorities Activity & Feedback Review

- Vision
  - Smart City by 2030; integrated system; two-way communication system using meters, sensors, and WiFi connections that provides real-time data; consider an Internet of Things approach
  - Efficiency is key because we will be driven by scarcity of resources; building a transit-oriented development where there is a microcosm of services which enable people to move more efficiently and reduce pollution
  - Human resilience and valuing the well-being of people through healthy families and strong communities; focus on helping people survive and thrive and finding solutions from our community members who are surviving in the face of accelerating shocks. Importance of psychological well-being.
  - Identifying and planning for threats and recovering from them; how to plan for, endure, and recover from extreme weather events from a personal scale to municipal scale
  - Remain active and engaged in climate change until it has been solved and let climate culture be so engrained in San Antonio that it is not susceptible to political disruption
  - Connecting people who are not connected
  - Solutions that are at a cost that the community can afford and balancing that with the fact that there is a cost of doing nothing
  - Make San Antonio an economic magnet and focus on economic opportunities

- Priorities
  - Mutual understanding of our assets (e.g. renewable energy, infrastructure, etc.)
  - Be clear in defining our goals for climate reductions and systematically achieve those goals
  - Need a true inventory of current emissions
  - Look at co-benefits and find solutions that cut across all-sectors
  - Education of our youth and training them so that each generation learns from past mistakes and becomes more informed; getting climate science into curriculum

### 2014 GHG Inventory Overview & 2016 GHG Inventory Update

- Buildings and transportation make up the majority of emissions in the community
- Comments:
  - Recommend that City buildings achieve LEED Platinum certification and be the model for the community; construction throughout the community would follow the City's lead
  - Transportation will be a challenge to change

### GHG Mitigation Strategies: Best Practices

- SC will review best practices shared in the Google Drive.

### Future Meeting Schedule & Next Steps

- Need to understand TWG timeline to dictate when SC will meet
- Need time to digest the information following the TWG meetings
- There was a preference for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, but not all SC members were present to confirm. Will follow-up with SC members after all TWG meetings are set.

### Additional Comments

- Where does gentrification fit in?
- Joint planning with Mayor's Housing Task Force and other concurrent initiatives
- CIOs at VIA, SAWS, and SARA are talking together about integrating technology
- How to build a climate culture that integrates and internalizes this work and bring more people in from the city to be engaged in the process
- Need to make the community aware of the process and that these meetings are occurring
- Better integration with school boards
- How will data and information be communicated, and how do we communicate between the general public and those doing technical work? A flowchart of information will help with this.
- How do we engage with the larger Bexar County population and the surrounding areas around San Antonio? This conversation should be elevated to a regional discussion and should be included in the AACOG Mayoral Meeting.
- Can we use a shared calendar for community engagement and make it public?
- SC members should be encouraged to attend other TWG meetings.
- Clarification of project team roles: UTSA and Navigant will be writing the plan; Office of Sustainability will take the plan to City Council
- Write the plan in a way that will endure through mayoral and council changes.
- How will we measure plan outcomes over time and institutionalize change?
- A meeting summary from all TWGs and the SC will be shared to everyone.

### Public Comment

- No public comment

