

ORANGE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Webex Meeting Friday, December 4, 2020 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

At 2:35 p.m., Mayor Demings welcomed the Committee and thanked everyone for their dedication to this effort and their community. Highlighting key elements of the Sustainable Operations & Resilience Action Plan to achieve 100% clean energy, smart transportation technology, and enhanced our green space, Mayor also acknowledged the ongoing partnerships and commitments that will be necessary to achieve our goals.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Co-Chair Leila Jammal. Twenty-eight members of the Committee were in attendance.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Byron Knibbs noted that no public comment forms were received and there were no members of the public in attendance that wished to make public comment.

Meeting Expectations

Co-Chair Byron Knibbs reviewed the remaining items on the agenda and called upon Jeff Benavides, Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer (CSRO), to continue with an overview of the Plan Highlights.

Plan Highlights & Outcomes

Jeff Benavides, CSRO, assisted by staff, summarized the goals within each focus area of the plan and highlighted some of the key actions, benefits, and fiscal considerations.

Plan Endorsement

The letters of endorsement from the External Committee and the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) were reviewed.

External Committee members will provide any additional comments to the CSRO via email. The final letter will be sent via email, and approval will be required from Committee members. The co-chairs will sign the final endorsement letter following those approvals.

Six members of the SAB were in attendance, with a quorum achieved, and upon a motion from the Chair John Martinez, seconded by Ken Peach, with Shana Carson, Madeline Almodovar, Byron Knibbs, and Resham Shirsat voting AYE by voice vote, Tommy Boroughs, Melvin Pittman, and Samuel Graham being absent, the endorsement letter was approved for signature and submission to the BCC.

Community Wide Priorities

Lori Forsman, Sustainability Programs Manager reviewed the activities planned for Phase 2 of our Sustainability and Resilience initiatives, which involve addressing the community-wide priorities identified by Committee members during the focus area work sessions. The role of the SAB in assisting with the effort was reviewed and new members introduced. Community priorities will be addressed in the Vision 2050 Comprehensive Plan update with the intent to review and update the community goals and strategies of the Our Home for Life Plan as well.

Next Steps & Ongoing Engagement

Co-Chair Leila Jammal noted the efforts of staff in completing this task and thanked them for their work. Additionally, the Committee serves at the request of the Mayor and may be called upon for future service with other sustainability and resilience efforts of the County.

Closing

Co-Chairs Leila Jammal and Byron	Knibbs thanked the	Committee me	embers for their	time and dedication	and closed
the meeting at 3:40 p.m.					

Sustainability & Resilience Officer	Date
Prepared by Lori Forsman	