

# AGENDA CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** 

**MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM** 

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE EL SEGUNDO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FRIDAY, July 9, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Related to City Business Only and for which the Committee is responsible 5 minute limit per person, 30 minute limit total) While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Environmental Committee to take action on

any item not on the agenda. Environmental Committee members may respond to comments after Public Communications is closed.

#### **4.** SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Blue City Network, presented by Evelina Marchetti (attached Overview, Minimum Requirements, and Assessment)
- **5. REPORTS: PUBLIC WORKS** this portion of the agenda is for City staff to provide brief reports to the Committee. These are "receive and file," non-action items only. Any actions needed to be taken must be included on an upcoming agenda.
  - a. Air Quality Violation Notice from AQMD

# **6.** ACTION ITEMS:

- a. None
- **7. REPORTS: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS** this portion of the agenda is for members to discuss various ideas and for subcommittees established by the Committee to provide brief reports on the work being done by the subcommittee. These are "receive and file," non-action items only. Any actions needed to be taken must be included on an upcoming agenda.
  - a. City Assessment of Environmental Risks (Corrie Zupo/Tracey Miller-Zarneke): discuss partnership of City/Committee to track and protect residents' health from environmental impacts from surrounding industries
  - b. Community Garden Expansion Concept (Corrie Zupo/Sarah Brockhaus): provide update on outreach to DEI & Culture Advisory Committees for possible collaboration.
  - c. Green Construction (Corrie Zupo/Sarah Brockhaus): discuss how to support solar panel expansion opportunities with new construction or ways to make city RFP have sustainability design standards for city bid projects.
  - d. Smoking Considerations Presentation (Tracey Miller-Zarneke): discuss presentation tentatively scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Public Education Packet Opportunities (Caroline Hawks): discuss progress.
  - f. Solid Waste Reduction/Elimination of Single-Use Plastics (Caroline Hawks/Tracey Miller-Zarneke): discuss next steps.
  - g. Water Conservation (Rachel McPherson): discuss research progress.
- **8. CONSENT AGENDA:** Approval of June 11, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes (attached). Recommendation: Approval.

# 9. ADJOURNMENT



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Blue City Network is a free certification system that recognizes cities, towns, and counties that demonstrate their communities' commitment to healthy waterways and oceans. Participants gain access to proven resources and blueprints provided by top environmental nonprofits, cities, and governmental agencies. Upon certification, participants become part of the Blue City Network, a coalition of communities from around the world that collaborate in their ongoing quest to become true champions of the environment.

The certification process provides a clear, data-driven approach to assessing communities' efforts towards protecting our world's oceans. Certification allows communities to credibly and transparently track progress toward overall sustainability objectives. Communities receive a rating based on the total cumulative score of points achieved across the rating system.

The intent of this program is to establish a network of cities, towns, and counties that are willing to implement, collaborate, and share information on jurisdictional sustainability programs across four Solution Areas: Waste Minimization; Climate Protection and Community Resilience; Water Quality and Efficiency; and Healthy Ecosystems.

#### **PARTNERS**

California Coastkeepers Alliance, Inland Ocean Coalition, Lonely Whale, LA Waterkeepers, Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch, Oceana, Ocean Institute, Plastic Pollution Coalition & Surfrider Foundation



### **ASSESSMENT**

The initial part of the program involves the city's completion of an Assessment form, comprised of 80 YES or NO questions, divided into four sections. Each section focuses on a Solution Area, each with 20 questions. The four Solution Areas are Waste Minimization; Climate Protection and Community Resilience; Water Quality and Efficiency; and Healthy Ecosystems.

# INNOVATION CATEGORY (part of the Assessment)

The Innovation category is reserved for cities that are implementing projects, programs, policies, or other actions that honor a specific Solution Area, yet were not addressed in any of the questions. Such actions deserve to be accounted for and acknowledged as part of the overarching mission that Blue City intends to achieve.

# POINT SYSTEM & CERTIFICATION TIERS

For each question in the assessment, a YES answer receives 5 points, and a NO answer receives 0 points. In addition, cities can earn up to 25 extra points per area under the Innovation category for a maximum score of 125 points per Solution Area.

200-299 pts = Ocean Guardian

300-399 pts = Ocean Champion

400-499 pts = Ocean Hero

500 Total pts = Ocean Ambassador

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# Blue City Assessment

# **SOLUTION AREA 1: WASTE MINIMIZATION**

Worldwide, cities are rapidly expanding, creating visible environmental challenges. The generation of waste is one of the central concerns in urban areas. Particularly for plastic, as plastic pollution has been increasing at an alarming rate- approximately 200% annually since 1950 and it is escalating. Certified Blue Cities are deploying proven techniques to decrease the amount of pollution generated and capture it before it spreads to landscapes and waterways. While each city's specific tactics should be customized to local conditions, pollution reduction can be achieved cost-effectively through a combination of leveraging local regulatory authorities, establishing retailer responsibility requirements, collaborating with partners and engaging citizens to resolve pollution hot spots.

# Minimum requirements:

- 1. Your city has adopted local regulation aimed at reducing or eliminating single-use plastics.
- 2. Community-based recycling and organics collection services are offered to residents and businesses.

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and unencapsulated maritime buoys and coolers? (e.g. buoys, cooler or ice chest made of polystyrene foam where such foam is not fully encased in another material).
Example: City of Malibu, Municipal Code 9.24.040 *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 1 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 1.
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2. Does your city have a city-wide ban or "upon request only" policy for single-use plastic disposable items? Food providers and beverage providers are prohibited from distributing single-use plastic beverage straws, lids, plastic stirrers or plastic utensils, whether for use onsite, to-go, or delivery. Disposable straws, lids, stirrers, utensils and take-out container products must be non-plastic.
Example: City of Berkeley, Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance *
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 2 here:

1. Does your city currently have a citywide ban on expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) products

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 2.  Browse	
3. Does your city require a preferential environmental policy for vendors participating hosted events and events held on city-owned property to enforce the prohibition of plastic disposables and polystyrene products?	•
Example: City of Sacramento, Sustainable Purchasing Policy *	
○ Yes	
○ No	
Other - Please explain below	
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 3	here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 3.  Browse	
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4. Does your city have enforceable zero-waste requirements for vendors participating at city-hosted and city-permitted events?\*

\*Accommodations: Food providers and beverage providers, as well as City facilities, Citymanaged concessions, City- sponsored events, and City-permitted events, may retain and dispense plastic straws as an accommodation to people with disabilities who request them to enjoy equal access to food and beverage services within the City.

Example: <u>City of Solano Beach, Ordinance 504</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other- Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 4 here:
If applicable, please upload a file to accompany your answer to Question 4.
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OBJECTIVE 2: Zero waste initiatives available to all residents and businesses
5. Does your city provide community organics collection for both food and green waste?
Example: City of Stockton, Green/Food Waste Recycling *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 5 here:

6. Has your city adopted a zero-waste plan or resolution?  Example: City of San Diego, Zero Waste Plan *  Yes  No Other - Please explain below  Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 6 here:  If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 6.  Browse
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7. Does your city have an established program or ordinance in place to reduce, reuse and recycle community construction and demolition waste?
Example: <u>City of San Diego, Zero Waste Plan, page 6</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 7 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 7.
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8. Does the City promote local services or programs that offer reuse, repair, or recycling of difficult-to-recycle items?
Example: City of Berkeley, Recycling Services *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 8 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 8.
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OBJECTIVE 3: Create and maintain private-sector strategies aimed at maximizing diversion of materials

9. Has your city incorporated food waste reduction strategies into your zero-waste initiatives?

Example: City of Manhattan Beach, Residential Food Waste Recycling Program *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 9 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 9.  Browse
10. Does your city encourage businesses to enroll in third-party green business program that includes plastic education and/or meet the vetted standards of third party certification programs? (eg. Surfrider Ocean-Friendly Restaurant Program, Clean Bay, CAGBN)
Example: City and County of San Francisco, Green Business Program *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 10 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 10.
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11. Does your city have established minimum waste diversion requirements for restaurants and retailers?
Example: City and County of San Francisco, Requirements for Restaurants and Retailers *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 11 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 11.
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12. Does your city provide waste-reduction related resources to local businesses, or promote other local agencies? (e.g. rebates or micro-loans, services, audits, and technical assistance).
Example: City and County of San Francisco, 'Zero Waste Toolkit for Businesses' *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 12 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 12.
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OBJECTIVE 4: Increase Public Information and Engagement
13. Does your city provide informational resources to residents on the impacts that plastic pollution has on the environment, its risks to public health and the associated costs of mitigation? Resources also include solutions on how to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics, emphasizing the importance of source-reduction (e.g. websites, tabling, flyers, surveys, and web outreach).
Example: City of Oceanside, "Love our Planet Not Plastic" *
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 13 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 13.
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Example: City and County of San Francisco, SF Recycles *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 14 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 14.
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15. Does your city sponsor or support community volunteer efforts? (e.g. cleanups, beautification efforts etc.).
Example: City of Oakland, Sustainable Oakland *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 15 here:

14. Does your city have community-wide educational efforts on available services, incentives,

and facilities as well as proper recycling/composting/source reduction methods?

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 15.
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16. Are there services available in your city that offer waste-reduction based training for residents?
Example: City of Santa Cruz, Recycling and Waste Reduction *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 16 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 16.
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OBJECTIVE 5: Partnerships and Collaboration

17. Does your city participate in, or promote regional voluntary waste reduction programs for residents and businesses?

Example: City of Monterey, Household, Business, and Multi-Family Recycling *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 17 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 17.
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18. Does your city formally engage in state-level policy actions on zero-waste such as waste diversion legislation or regulation?
Example: City of San José, Zero Waste Strategic Plan, Page 5 and more *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 18 here:

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19. Has your city developed or participated in a regional coalition that enhances the community's ability to address waste management targets?
Example: City of Yorba Linda, CalRecycle *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 19 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 19.
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20. Has your city created a Materials Recovery Facility for the community or demonstrate that community waste is diverted to a regional Materials Recovery Facility?
Example: City of Monterey, MRWMD Materials Resource Facility *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 20 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 20.
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INNOVATION
Innovation points are rewarded to cities that have implemented successful projects, programs, laws or other actions that honor a solution area's overall purpose, yet may not fall under any specific category. While the Blue City program was designed to be comprehensive, sustainability is a continually evolving discipline. We want to acknowledge your city for evolving and being innovative and highlight your actions so other cities may model what you have accomplished.
In this section, please share anything specific your city has done in a creative, effective way regarding Waste Minimization. Feel free to be as detailed as you wish and include any links to articles, websites or other relevant information. Our Blue City internal team will analyze your answers and will reward up to 25 points based on the success of your initiatives (5 points for each Innovation.) Please note that this section is for Innovations that are not already addressed in the Assessment questions.
Innovation 1:
Upload any file that associates with Innovation 1:  Browse
Innovation 2:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Innovation 2.
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Innovation 3:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Innovation 3.  Browse
Innovation 4:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Innovation 4.
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Innovation 5:

OBJECTIVE 1: Achieved reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
3. *
Has your city met both of the above minimum requirements? If "No" please skip to Solution Area
2. City has conducted local climate risk and/or climate-related vulnerability assessment.
1. City has adopted a climate action and/or resilience and adaptation strategy with sector- specific carbon reduction goals and greenhouse gas emission targets that meet or exceed those adopted at the state level.
Minimum requirements:
Successfully executing meaningful reductions in greenhouse gas pollution and preparing for the impacts already underway will require bold and broad measures by cities. By doing their part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while working to adapt and improve their resilience to climate hazards, certified Blue Cities are creating safer, healthier, and more resilient communities. Actions in this area increase the supply of renewable energy, improve building energy efficiency, and increase access to affordable, low carbon transport options resulting in a transition to a just and low-carbon economy.
SOLUTION AREA 2: CLIMATE PROTECTION & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Innovation 5.  Browse

Example: City of Manhattan Beach, Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 21 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 21.
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22. Has your city established a community-based advisory committee or group to inform ongoing climate-related policies, programs and investments?
Example: <u>City of Redwood, Community Climate Action Plan, Community Climate Action</u> <u>Advisory Committee</u>
*
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 22 here:

21. Has your city conducted a consumption-based greenhouse gas inventory?

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 22 here:

Example: City and County of San Francisco, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Scorecard *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 24 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 24.
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OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthened resilience of communities to climate change impacts in infrastructure and natural, economic, health and social systems
25. Does your city support, lead and/or partner with other agencies on coastal resilience and restoration projects on local habitats? (e.g. dune and wetland restorations).
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, Beach Dune Enhancement Pilot Project *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 25 here:

24. Does your city host a data-driven community dashboard or other performance measurement

initiative to track and report overall progress toward community climate goals?

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 25.
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26. Has your city conducted a coastal vulnerability assessment and developed an adaptation plan that prioritizes enhanced coastal resilience through living shoreline practices to address the impacts associated with sea-level rise?
Example: City of Malibu, Malibu Living Shoreline Project *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 26 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 26.
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Example: City of Pacifica, Local Coastal Plan Policies Relating to Sea-level Rise Adaptation *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 27 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 27.
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28. Does your city include management of carbon sequestration ecosystems (e.g., wetlands) within integrated coastal management plans?
Example: City of Arcata, Wetland and Habitat Monitoring Plan *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 28 here:

27. Does your city provide or promote opportunities for resilient relocation/high-risk property

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 28.	
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OBJECTIVE 3: Increase energy efficiencies and reduce reliance on fossil fuel promote renewable energy sources; increase EV charging infrastructure and transition municipal fleet to EVs (add: City has adopted Green Codes or Net Zero Policies)	S
29. Does your city promote and provide opportunities for residents and businesses to transition to renewable energy sources? (e.g. rebates for solar, battery storage, EV charging, electricity heating and transportation).	
Example: City and County of San Francisco, Renewable Energy Programs *	
○ Yes	
○ No	
Other - Please explain below	

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 29.

30. Has your city implemented actions identified in a climate plan that are intended to transition the community towards the use of alternative modes of transportation and low/no emission vehicles?
Example: City and County of San Francisco, Electric Vehicle Roadmap *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 30 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 30.
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31. Has your city adopted a community-wide plan that includes a comprehensive programmatic and policy approach to shift the community towards renewable energy sources with specific short- and long-term goals? (eg. Net Zero Energy policies)
Example: City of Santa Barbara, Strategic Energy Plan Overview *
○ Yes
○ No

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Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 31 here:

Other - Please explain below

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 31.
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32. In addition to what is available through the local utility or state agencies, does your city provide energy efficiency and renewable energy programs for low-income households?
Example: City and County of San Francisco, SF Energy Watch Program *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 32 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 32.
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OBJECTIVE 4: Promote public engagement and education related to local climate actions.

33. Does your city have an inclusive and bi-lingual education and outreach campaign intended to engage residents and businesses in carbon footprint/emission reduction efforts?

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Example: City of San José, Climate Smart San José *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 33 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 33.
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34. Has your city incorporated equity or climate justice concerns into your climate efforts?
Example: City of San Diego Climate Action Plan, Chapters 4 and 5 *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 34 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 34.
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35. Does your city provide regular (within the last 3 years) public workshops on renewable energy options, energy conservation and energy efficiency? (eg. LEED standards)
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, Residential Solar Workshop *
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 35 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 35.
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36. Does your city provide accessible/inclusive educational resources on the causes and impacts of climate change, methods to reduce human impact and increase resilience?
Example: City and County of San Francisco, Climate & Health Profile *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 36 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 36.
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OBJECTIVE 5: Strengthen the impact of local climate stabilization and resilience efforts through regional collaborations and climate advocacy.
37. Does your city actively participate in regional or state-wide policy efforts aimed at removing barriers associated with climate-related activities?
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, 2018-2020 Environmental Work Plan *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 37 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 37.
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38. Has your city supported an EIA, adopted resolutions and/or local ordinances opposing new extractive activities such as coal mining, natural das fracking, and oil drilling (including

offshore)?
Example: <u>Culver city, Public Health and Safety Risks of Oil and Gas Facilities in Los Angeles</u> <u>County</u> *
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 38 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 38.
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39. Does your city support and participate in regional or national climate-related groups and campaigns (such as "We Are Still In", Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, C40 Cities, Under2 Coalition, or Climate Mayors)?
Example: City of Malibu, CA; "We Are Still In" signatory *
○ No
Other - Please explain below

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Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 39 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 39.
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40. Does your city partner with key institutions, governmental and private-sector partners to share best practices, design and implement strategies on climate action?
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, CA, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 40 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 40.
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INNOVATION

In this section, please share anything specific your city has done in a creative, effective way
regarding Climate Protection & Community Resilience. Feel free to be as detailed as you wish
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Innovation 5:
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# **SOLUTION AREA 3: WATER QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY**

Water quality is essential for public health, ecosystem health and the economy. Degraded water quality can occur as a result of pollution from sewage discharge, oil spills, industrial waste, agricultural runoff, storm water runoff, and sediment runoff. Impacts of poor water quality include exposure to disease and harmful chemicals, reduction in viability of economically important fisheries species, hypoxia events and destruction of ecosystems.

# **Minimum requirements:**

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1. City has established an outreach strategy on stormwater impacts and pollution associated with runoff.

2. City has established water efficiency and conservation requirements that meet those in the currently adopted building code. (eg. adopt CA Green Code, Reach Code or Net Zero Ordinance)
Has your city met both of the above minimum requirements? If "No" please skip to Solution Are 4. *
Yes
○ No
OBJECTIVE 1: Best practices for safe and efficient water and wastewater systems
41. Has your city worked with local wastewater service providers to determine whether biosolid can be recycled by using them on local landscaping, golf courses, community parks or other programs to improve soil quality and reduce irrigation needs?
Example: The City of Santa Rosa, Biosolids *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 41 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 41.
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42. Does your city require a net-zero water impact in new construction and rebuilds over 50% of original size?

Example: <u>City of Santa Monica, "California city's plan for net zero building includes net zero water usage"</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 42 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 42.  Browse
43. Does your city have an official target with an established timeline to be self-reliant on freshwater sources? (to become a "zero-importing municipality")
Example: City of Santa Monica, Sustainable Water Master Plan Update *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 43 here:

Example: <u>City of Manhattan Beach, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.84 - Storm Water and Urban Runoff Pollution Control</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 45 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 45.
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46. Does your city offer educational resources on the issue of dry weather runoff and methods for prevention?
Example: City of Santa Monica, Clean Ocean Fact Sheet for Residents *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 46 here:

45. Has your city adopted stormwater performance standards for all new construction and major

redevelopment?

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 46.
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47. Does your city have a policy to reduce impervious surfaces throughout the municipality such as building codes, green street investments and/or dedicated percent minimum of pervious surfaces?
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 15-0004 *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 47 here:
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48. Does your city update hydrologic models and local floodplain maps to reflect climate change and other emerging conditions?

Example: <u>City of Elk Grove, "Climate Change, Precipitation Change, and Flooding in Elk Grove, California" White Paper</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 48 here:
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OBJECTIVE 3: Comprehensive Pollution Prevention Strategies
49. Does your city have a policy promoting native or drought-tolerant and climate-appropriate landscaping, native vegetation for replacements and watershed-approach landscaping methods in public spaces?
Example: City of Watsonville, Watsonville Urban Greening Plan, Landscape Guidelines and Policy *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 49 here:

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50. Does your city exclusively use non-toxic fertilizers in agency parks and landscaped areas to reduce contaminants in run-off?
Example: City of Irvine, "Irvine goes organic for pest, weed management" *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 50 here:
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use of artificial turf?
Example: City of Pasadena, Residential Programs, "Drought Tolerant Landscapes" *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 51 here:
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52. Does your city conduct regular water quality monitoring (drinking and recreational)?
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, 2020 Annual Water Quality Report *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 52 here:

51. Does your city offer rebates and/or promote available incentives for pesticide-free drought-friendly/native landscaping that prioritizes the use of healthy soils and actively discourages the

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OBJECTIVE 4: Implementation of water conservation and efficiency measures
53. Does your city or water agency partner have an official water conservation target, track progress and encourage local water districts to reduce loss rates/increase efficiency?
Example: City of Culver City, Water Conservation Plan for Fiscal Year 2015/16 *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 53 here:
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54. Does your city or water agency partner utilize rate-based mechanisms to promote water conservation?

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○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 54 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 54.
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55. Has your city implemented all feasible water efficiency strategies for resource-efficient land use in agency parks, landscaping and other new developments?
Example: City of Roseville, Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Other - Please explain below  Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 55 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 55.
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56. Has your city or water agency installed smart water meters to track water usage and the effectiveness of water efficiency activities and programs?
Example: City of Pleasanton, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Fact Sheet *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 56 here:
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OBJECTIVE 5: Increase Public Information and Engagement
57. Does your water agency utilize residential water surveys and evaluations targeted at high demand customers?
Example: Western Municipal Water District serving western Riverside County, Water Use  Efficiency Master Plan *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 57 here:
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58. Does your city provide annual training for landscape managers and maintenance staff on low impact landscaping practices?
Example: City of Oceanside, Workshops and Events *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 58 here:
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59. Does your city provide informational resources on the importance of water quality to ecological and public health?

Example: <u>City of San Diego, Water Quality</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 59 here:
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60. Does your city encourage or engage residents in citizen science efforts to measure and understand water quality?
Example: <u>City of Santa Cruz</u> , <u>"Cowell Beach Drops Off Beach Bummer List: A 10-Year Breakthrough with Improved Water Quality"</u> ; Created a working group of citizen science groups to help test and conduct source id of chronic beach water quality issues. *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 60 here:

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INNOVATION
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SOLUTION AREA 4: HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS
The actions identified in the Healthy Ecosystems Area help communities protect and restore the places that provide resources to support life. Maintaining functioning urban ecosystems can significantly improve human health and well-being. Certified Blue Cities are taking the important steps to protect vital ecosystems while recognizing the wide range of benefits natural systems provide, such as food, water, and natural regulating processes affecting climate and floods. Ecosystem services also extend to cultural benefits like aesthetic value and recreation, and achieving the identified actions increase the ability of urban, wildland and agricultural ecosystems to capture and stabilize atmospheric carbon and provide critical buffering against climatic extremes (including storm surges, sea level rise, fires and floods).
Minimum requirements:
1. City has adopted plans or requirements to protect and restore natural resources through land conservation, wildlife corridor connectivity, and restoration of biological integrity and function.
2. City has adopted local design criteria and associated codes that require the inclusion of green infrastructure.
Has your city met both of the above minimum requirements? If "No" you may end the assessment here if finished. *
• Yes
○ No
OBJECTIVE 1: Protect, enhance, and expand ecosystems that increase resilience to future shocks and stresses through adaptive management strategies
61. Has your city adopted land use regulations that establish appropriate wetland, stream, and shoreline buffer widths and adjacent land uses?
Example: City of San Diego. San Diego Municipal Code. Land Development Code *

O Yes

<ul><li>○ No</li><li>○ Other - Please explain below</li></ul>	
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 61 here:	
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62. Has your city taken action to restore, monitor and maintain coincrease natural resource resilience, adaptability, and biological in	
Example: City of Richmond, Richmond General Plan 2030, Cons	ervation and Natural
Resources *  ( ) Yes	
○ No	
Other - Please explain below	
Please add any additional information that accompanies your an	swer to Question 62 here:

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 62.

63. Has your city assessed and promoted opportunities for conservation and restoration of carbon sequestration ecosystems, including quantification of GHG benefits?
Example: <u>City of Newman, The City of Newman Inland Wetland Restoration Project</u> (announced in CDFW News) *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 63 here:
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64. Has your city prioritized permeable surfaces, trees, and vegetation to reduce surface runoff and increase water infiltration into soils and help recharge aquifers and mitigate floods?

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Other - Please explain below

Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 64 here:

Example: City of San José, Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan \*

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 64.
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OBJECTIVE 2: Enact policies to protect open space, existing habitats and wildlife species and biodiversity
65. Has your city taken community-based inventory of public trees and done an assessment of the state of the jurisdiction's urban forest?
Example: City of Claremont, Urban Forest Management Plan *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 65 here:
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66. Does your city have protocols to deflect avian collisions and encourage residences and businesses to use bird friendly windows?

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Example: City of San Francisco, Standards For Bird-Safe Buildings *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 66 here:
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67. Has your city coordinated regionally to conduct planning with careful consideration of existing habitat areas, and do you proactively prioritize the connectivity of protected areas?
Example: City of Sacramento, Land Use and Urban Design *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 67 here:

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68. Does your city protect local biodiversity and conduct habitat monitoring (e.g. rare plant monitoring, sea turtle nesting) to target protection efforts, including regulations associated with light and noise management near sensitive habitats? (eg. City is a signatory to the Dark Skies Initiative, and is implementing minimum measures)	
Example: City of San Diego, Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan *	
○ Yes	
○ No	
Other - Please explain below	
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 68 here:	
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OBJECTIVE 3: Design and maintain a network of green infrastructure that integrate with the built environment to conserve ecosystem functions and provides associated benefits to all species	
69. Does your city enforce mitigation requirements for loss of public resources from development? (e.g. exacerbated erosion from sea walls or other coastal armoring).	
Example: City of Solana Beach, Local Coastal Program - Land Use Plan, Chapter 4 *	
○ Yes	

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Other - Please explain below	
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 69 here:	
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 69.	
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70. Does your city have local incentive programs to encourage landowners to adopt green infrastructure practices that link to broader green infrastructure systems?	
Example: <u>City of Los Angeles, "Green Infrastructure for Los Angeles: Addressing Urban Runo and Water Supply Through Low Impact Development"</u> *	
Yes	
○ No	
<ul><li>○ No</li><li>○ Other - Please explain below</li></ul>	

If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 70.

71. Has your city established a community-wide green infrastructure plan that is integrated with other relevant local and regional master plans?
Example: City of Belmont, Green Infrastructure Plan *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 71 here:
If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 71.
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72. Has your city adopted local design criteria and associated codes that require proactive green infrastructure?
Example: <u>City of Manhattan Beach, Municipal Code, Chapter 9.36 - SUSTAINABLE GREEN BUILDING</u> PROGRAM AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS *
○ Yes
○ No
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Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 72 here:

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OBJECTIVE 4: Reduce or eliminate harmful impacts from extractive industries
73. Has your city passed a regulation or official action against new offshore drilling?  Example: City of San Clemente, Resolution No. 19-44 *  Yes  No  Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 73 here:
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74. Has your city publicly advocated for minimizing or eliminating harmful impacts associated with mining and the extraction, transportation and refining of fossil fuels?

Example: <u>City of Oakland, "Oakland City Council Formally Opposes Transport of Hazardous Fossil Fuels"</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 74 here:
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75. Is your City signatory to a letter or petition proclaiming opposition to new methane gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing?
Example: <u>City of Berkeley, "Berkeley City Council Passes Resolution Against Offshore Fracking, Drilling"</u> *
○ Yes
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 75 here:

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76. Do your city regulations include specific setback requirements for extraction activities in residential areas, within 5,000 feet of a school, or near parks or nature preserves?
Example: City of Arvin, "Arvin CA acts to protect residents from oil and gas" *
○ No
Other - Please explain below
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 76 here:  If applicable, please upload a file that accompanies your answer to Question 76.
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OBJECTIVE 4: Reduce or eliminate harmful impacts from extractive industries
77. Does your city provide education on current threats to marine environment and importance of land-sea connection (including signs at coastal recreation areas describing the local habitat and its importance to the city) and information on sustainable seafood options?
Example: City of San Clemente, Clean Ocean Program *
○ Yes
○ No

Other - Please explain below					
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 77 here:					
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78. Does your city provide annual training for landscape managers, public works and maintenance staff on low impact landscaping practices?  Example: City of Los Angeles, Planning and Land Development Handbook for Low Impact					
Development (LID) *					
○ Yes					
○ No					
Other - Please explain below					
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 78 here:					
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benefit local habitats and communities?				
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, Sustainability Task Force *				
○ Yes				
○ No				
Other - Please explain below				
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 79 here:				
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80. Does your city encourage local organizations to share information about upcoming events, programs, and ways to protect the marine and aquatic environment?				
Example: City of Manhattan Beach, City Calendar, Coastal Cleanup Day *				
○ Yes				
○ No				
Other - Please explain below				
Please add any additional information that accompanies your answer to Question 80 here:				

79. Does your city host easily accessible public events (civic engagement opportunities, at least once a year) to discuss local wildlife, connection to broader ecosystems and how city efforts will

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## **Program Overview**

The Blue City Network is a certification system that recognizes cities, towns, and counties that demonstrate their communities' commitment to healthy waterways and oceans. Certification involves completing a detailed Assessment that evaluates a city's current environmental initiatives and programs. The Assessment is divided into four Solution Areas: Waste Minimization; Climate Protection and Community Resilience; Water Quality and Efficiency; and Healthy Ecosystems.

## **Minimum Requirements**

The initial part of the Assessment is completing a Minimum Requirements form. For each of the four Solution Areas, there are two requirements that the city must achieve or be in the process of achieving in order to complete the certification process. The questions are in 'yes' or 'no' answer format. The requirements are as follows:

#### **Waste Minimization**

- 1. Your city has adopted local regulation aimed at reducing or eliminating single-use plastics.
- 2. Community-based recycling and organics collection services are offered to residents and businesses.

# Climate Protection and Community Resilience

- 1. City has adopted a climate action and/or resilience and adaptation strategy with sector-specific carbon reduction goals and greenhouse gas emission targets that meet or exceed those adopted at the state level.
- 2. City has conducted local climate risk and/or climate-related vulnerability assessment.

# Water Quality and Efficiency

- 1. City has established an outreach strategy on stormwater impacts and pollution associated with runoff.
- 2. City has established water efficiency and conservation requirements that meet those in the currently adopted building code. (eg. adopt CA Green Code, Reach Code, or Net Zero Ordinance)

#### **Healthy Ecosystems**

- 1. City has adopted plans or requirements to protect and restore natural resources through land conservation, wildlife corridor connectivity, and restoration of biological integrity and function.
- 2. City has adopted local design criteria and associated codes that require the inclusion of green infrastructure.



# City of El Segundo

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

# Friday, June 11th, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER

  The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm, held virtually via Zoom.
- 2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee Members were present:

- Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Resident, Local Business, Committee Chair
- Corrie Zupo, Resident, Committee Vice-Chair
- Kevin Maggay, Local Business, Member
- Rachel McPherson, Resident, Member

The following Committee Members were not present:

• 1 vacancy, El Segundo School District, Member

The following City staff member(s) and resident were present:

- Elias Sassoon, City of El Segundo, Director of Public Works
- Jesus Diaz, City of El Segundo, Admin Tech Specialist
- Anjello Sotelo, Executive Assistant to the City Manager
- Sia Poursabahian, Development Services
- PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
   Carol Notte Resident
   Deborah Deets Resident
- 4. Special Presentations
  - a. Aviation Blvd. Greenway Project, presented by Jessica Daugherty
- 5. REPORTS: Public Works
  - a. Presentation by Development Services regarding Solar Panel requirements for New Development.
  - b. Report on Date of Smoking Considerations Presentation to City Council is tentatively set August  $17^{th}$ .

c. Shuttle and Dial-a-ride Considerations – Elias Sassoon states there is a 3-year pilot project with consideration of the work hours being M-F 5 am - 10 am and 2 pm - 7pm.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS:

None

#### 7. REPORTS: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Tracey Miller-Zarneke and Corrie Zupo question whether the city does anything regarding the air quality of the city residents. Elias clarifies that it does not as it would not be able to as policies would have to change.
- b. Community Garden Expansion Concept update: Is waiting on the committees to vote on it in July and will bring it up again to bring further updates.
- c. Green Construction (Corrie Zupo/Sarah Brockhaus): no update
- d. Smoking Considerations Presentation (Tracey Miller-Zarneke): no update
- e. Public Education Packet Opportunities (Caroline Hawks): no update
- f. Solid Waste Reduction/Elimination of Single-Use Plastics update: There is no update.
- g. Water Conservation (Rachel McPherson): No update.

#### 8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved Minutes for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Member McPherson moved to approve; Member Zupo seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT:

Closing announcement: Next meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.