

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Sustainability Action Subcommittee Steering Committee (SC)
January 3, 2023

Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Larry Luton, Mindy Howard, Naghmana Sherazi, Pragya Rai, Michelle Howard, Erica Johnson, Jennifer Thomas (arrived at 5:55pm), Dave Garegnani, Matt Hollon, Rowena Pineda, Ester Angell,

Staff/Others Present: Giacobbe Byrd, Cadie MacDonald-Olsen, Tony Newton, Mike Peterson, Jim Hedemark, Ian Cunningham, Larry Andrews

Absent: Sarah Burruss, Stacie Maier, Ryan Lok, Wyeth Larson,

Note Taker: Tony Newton

Approval of December Minutes

- Corrections needed to the December minutes:
 - Rowena Pineda was listed as present but was absent from the December Meeting

Agenda Items

1. Discussion: SASSC Vision Statement- proposal to adopt the Vision 2050 statement in the SAP, p. 15
 - a. Current Vision Statement:
 - i. “As a community, Spokane ensures the well-being of all our people and the ecosystems of which we are a part. We do this by investing in our neighborhoods and caring for our natural habitats while building an equitable, regenerative, carbon-free economy that is resilient and sustainable.”
 - b. Should “carbon-free” be replaced by “carbon neutral”, or “carbon negative”?
 - i. Naghmana proposes an amendment to the mission statement. Seconded by Mindy Howard.
 1. Consensus-model discussion with voting and non-voting members of the Steering Committee
 - a. Clarification on what each phrasing is defined as

2. Ranked-choice voting on “carbon-free”, “carbon neutral”, and “carbon negative” results in strong majority preference for:
 - a. “carbon-free” first
 - b. “carbon negative” second
 3. Follow-up consensus-model discussion
 - c. Public Comments are taken
 - i. Clarification for public comment process with be discussed the next Steering Committee Meeting
2. SASSC Mission Statement- presentation of drat mission statement based on December discussion
 - a. “The SAS’s Steering Committee’s mission is to advise the City Council’s Public Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability Committee on implementation of the action strategies in the 2021 Sustainability Action Plan *as well as any other sustainability and/or climate actions it thinks the City Council should consider adopting.*”
 - i. The last portion of the statement did not come out of the conversation at the December Steering Committee Meeting.
 - b. Will continue the discussion on the mission statement at February meeting
3. Interaction with Workgroups- scheduling presentation on workgroup’s priority lists *(not covered but on the agenda)*
4. 2023 Workplan *(not covered but on the agenda)*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

Tony Newton

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Kinnear", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Council Member Lori Kinnear
PIES Committee Chair