

Environmental Initiatives Committee

September 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order (roll call)

- Members Present: April Anair, Johann George, Mike Salameh, Vrinda Bhandarkar, Anand Ranganathan
- Council Liaison: George Tyson
- Staff: Jay Bradford, Community Development Director
- Public: Denise Gluhan, LAHCFD

2. Agenda Review

No changes

3. Public Comment

No comments

4. Minutes Approval

A. [August Regular Meeting](#)

Moved by Mike, Seconded by April, Unanimously approved

5. Reach Codes

- **Jay:** Draft language for REACH codes available, particularly focusing on A/C to heat pump conversions and zero-NOx policies, requested to work with the subcommittee to refine the language.
- **Jay:** 0-NOx policies face industry challenges, they could consider very low NOx standards instead.
- **Jay** also discussed using green building code standards as an alternative to energy code standards for A/C to heat pump conversions, which would avoid the need for cost- effectiveness studies.
- The subcommittee agreed to meet on Wednesday, October 8th at 5 PM to discuss the draft language, with Jay planning to provide a more polished draft beforehand.

6. Letters from ICLEI/CDP ([1](#), [2](#))

- **Anand:** I'm inclined not to bother, unclear benefit to our town
- **Vrinda:** Tried doing it a few years ago when she was chair, far too complex and time-consuming
- **Anand:** Best to ignore for now.

7. [Annual Report Request from Town](#)

- Committee provided inputs on budget requests for outreach as well as GHG inventory
Committee discussed full list of accomplishments for past years
- Committee discussed permitting and electrification tracking as useful activities for upcoming year

8. Resolution Supporting BAAQMD's 0-NOx Rule

Moved by April, Seconded by Mike, Approved unanimously Suggested removing last recital as not relevant to our town

9. GHG Inventory Presentation Recap

- **Anand:** Mike did a great job, staying late and presenting to unanimous approval from council
- **Mike:** Met with all but one council member beforehand.
- Main ask was around outreach, but limited success getting on "Our Town" despite support from council
- **Vrinda/April:** Let's first get on the city manager's weekly email with links to full article
- **April:** A lot going on with Our Town as well as Duffy etc.
- **Anand:** Have George follow up on it, he is our liaison
- **April:** Keep the articles solution-oriented and not too scientific

10. Subcommittee Updates

A. Outreach: See discussion above

B. Foothill: Nothing to report

11. Council Update

12. Agenda Requests for Next Meeting

- Reach Codes
- **April:** What are we doing on water conservation?
- **Anand:** We just did the WELO update, but happy to do more if interested.

13. Adjournment

At 7:45pm

Supporting materials for the agenda may also be found here:

<https://drive.proton.me/urls/A4RRT2YRRG#TRIkJkKW8q6y>