

Minutes for EIC meeting 04/23/2026

1. Call to Order (roll call)
 - A. Members, in person: Anand, Steve, Mike, Johann, Vrinda
 - B. Members, remote (non-voting): GeorgeL
 - C. Absent: April, Aileen
 - D. Council liaison, staff & guests: GeorgeT, Behrouz (remote)
2. Agenda Review: No comments.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Minutes Approval:
 - A. March Regular Meeting
 - B. Moved by Mike, 2nd by Vrinda, approved unanimously.
5. Picnic Planning
 - A. SVCE Dream Home: All agreed we need to put it inside the fence, past the booths. SVCE says required space when deployed is 20x40.
 - B. Jasmeen has asked the EIC to update the PRCE (picnic) committee on the SVCE Dream Home Monday evening 6-7:30 via Zoom. Steve+Anand+SVCE+Cody(?) should be invited to attend (Agenda). Steve to confirm attendees.
 - C. Dream Home may show up the day before, pending surveillance question from SVCE (Steve offered to sleep in the unit overnight. GeorgeL already has a camera on one of the fields next to the corp yard, and offered to provide another if needed.) Steve to followup.
 - D. Banners: Committee has \$2500 annual budget according to GeorgeT: Vrinda to do big EIC banner and Anand will attempt to reimburse.
 - E. GeorgeL: Can we store a bunch of Hagen Daz ice cream sticks in the Dream Home fridge? How many can they fit? (George has another cooler if needed.) Steve to check.
 - F. We have one more EIC meeting before picnic to finalize.
6. Subcommittee Updates:
 - A. Outreach:
 - a. Aileen contacted the youth commission (about 15 youth) and they expressed interest. Next steps TBD.
 - b. Johann determined he can edit the existing SquareSpace website promoting Electrification, but has not yet started making updates.
 - c. Vrinda checked with GTLA; not enough interest to work with them.
 - d. Mike worked on articles for Our Town; still pending. George said contract stuff with the publisher are done, but the publication is still on hiatus.
 - e. Acterra is holding an electrification event in Los Altos: MikeS is going to present at it, about his experience electrifying his home. Summary: It was cost competitive and produced a great result.
 - f. Vrinda brought up an active thread on Nextdoor where people were bashing electrification. Some discussion about whether or not to engage. Vrinda may respond with detailed cost saving estimates from SVCE for HPWHs (here) and PG&E for heat pump space heaters (here).
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- g. Council noted that certain is ready to add articles in weekly town email. We should do this with custom links so we can record the results each week from different messages.. Johann will send an email to the team with links to the website for review. We need to craft a different message for each week and track results.
- h. George: Noted the nice sandwich boards that appear in downtown Los Altos promoting rebates! Also, he attended an amazing Earth Day event at the Computer History Museum with poster boards on various topics, put on by Fremont High School. He suggested we should coordinate with other groups to focus on kids.

B. Foothill College (Anand):

- a. Peter Landsberger reached out to Anand and Steve looking for support for native turf vs astroturf.
- b. Their sustainability committee is still meeting regularly but there is not much participation: Anand, Bob Cormia, Sustainability staff person and one other are the only ones attending, down from 20 initially.
- c. The heat pump project for the new pool is still awaiting final approval to get started.

C. Tracking Electrification (Johann, Vrinda and Aileen)

- a. Vrinda to focus on ability to track heat pumps going forward. She will ask Jay Bradford to modify the eTrakit system so we record new heat pump installations compared to gas equivalents. We don't care as much about past installations – we mainly want to be able to track it going forward.
- b. Goal is to figure out how to track Electric Water Heater and HVAC installations in town, so we can track/monitor our progress with different approaches.

7. Council Update (George)

- A. Progress on electrification: Gas furnace failures in Town Hall forced early replacement by heat pumps. After this we will have only one furnace left!
- B. New city manager selection process is in progress. No date yet for announcement.
- C. Move to codify Green Sheets in a ballot measure: 3-2 decision to bring it forward to next meeting for more discussion.

8. Agenda Requests for Next Regular Meeting (5/28)

- A. GHG Inventory update

Adjournment at 7:45 pm

Supporting materials for the agenda may also be found here:

<https://drive.proton.me/urls/MFYW0T3ZJC#Fy5R6h9Kt9tE>

Minutes provided by EIC Secretary Steve Schmidt

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