

# **MINUTES**

# **Citizens Advisory Committee**

Via WebEx

May 12, 2021 | 11:30 a.m.

# **ATTENDANCE**

Member of CAC	Present	Absent
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓	
Frank Gonzalez	✓	
Andy Castillo	✓	
Raquel Zapata	✓	
John Kelly		✓
Joe Yakubik	✓	
Allie Watters		✓
Adelita Cantu	✓	
David Walter	✓	
Mary Dennis	$\checkmark$	
Bill Day	✓	
Luisa Casso- Chair	✓	
MaryEllen Veliz	✓	

## Also Present were:

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James Carter	Velma Corona	Melissa Carrillo Cox
Sheila Casey	Antonio DeMendorca	Daniel Elias
KJ Feder	Gabriel Garcia	Kathleen Garcia
Rudy Garza	De Anna Hardwick	Elbert Hargesheimer
Julia Carrillo Haynes	Jesse Hernandez	Andrew Higgins
David Kee	Loretta Kerner	Ann Kinnard
Rhonda Krisch	John Leal	Gregory Lee
Eunice Lopez	Rick Luna	Kari Meyer
Robert Nathan	Karma Nilsson	Christine Patmon
LeeRoy Perez	Ricardo Renteria	Jose Reyes
David Rivela	Ricci Schooler	Blaize Skocny
Prabha Somawardana	Melissa Sorola	Marie Stoner
Nancy Tabares	Trena Wiseman	

# CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 11:31 by Chair Luisa Casso.

Invocation was made by Melissa Carrillo Cox.

John Leal John Leal provided a safety message and updated the group of CPS Energy's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the CAC meeting held on May 12, 2021 were approved as read.

Motion by Mary Dennis seconded by Diana Martinez.

#### STAFF UPDATE

John Leal, Director of Local Government Relations gave the following update:

- The Board of Trustees meeting will be held on May 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
- The first RAC meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
- The utilization of text system "Send word now" for community alerts.
- Part 1 of the Suburban City Resiliency Summit will be on May 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on June 9,2021 via WebEx.

#### **TEZEL SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Antonio DeMendonca, EDS Project Manager gave a brief update on the recommend site. The Routing & Siting process is used to select a suitable substation site & associated transmission line route.

- Project Overview
  - o Increase capacity for residential & commercial growth in Northwest San Antonio
  - o Strengthen Reliability
- Public Involvement
  - July 15, 2020
  - o Follow up notification in September 2020
- Sites/Routes Evaluation
- Recommendation of Site 5
- Next Steps
  - o Board Update of Recommendation on May 24, 2021
  - Board Public Input Session on June 24, 2021
  - o Board consideration of project approval on July 26, 2021

Chair Casso entertained a motion to approve a letter supporting the Tezel Substation recommended site, to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

David Walter motioned, and Allie Watters seconded the motion.

All were in-favor; none were opposed

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kari Meyer, Director, Federal & State Relations gave an update on the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session. She mentioned that legislators are primarily focused on the customer impacts of these proposals and holding all entities involved accountable to ensure an event like this does not occur again.

- Legislative Landscape
  - High number of bills & joint resolutions filed
  - COVID impacts on the Legislative process
  - Shift of priorities due to Winter Storm Uri
- Legislation Stemming from Winter Storm Uri
  - Hundreds of bills were filed following the storm; however, leadership priorities and key bills fall into these main buckets:
    - Composition of the ERCOT Board & PUC
    - Weatherization

- Outage Alert System & Customer Notifications
- Load Shed & Critical Load Designations
- Securitization
- CPS Energy in Action "Card of Support"
  - o As part of the process, we "drop cards" for bills, which is legislative speak for registering formal positions of support. Some examples from this session include:
    - HB 12 (extended power outage alert system)
    - HB 872 / SB 668 (protection of customer AMI and personal data)
    - HB 1826 (adds hand sanitizer and PPE to items covered under the DTPA)
    - HB 3319 (public awareness campaign for Move Over/Slow Down law)
    - SB 3 (omnibus grid reliability bill)
    - SB 861 (permits remote open meetings)
    - SB 865 (statewide disaster alert notification system)
    - SB 1202 (PUC legislative recommendation on electric vehicles)
    - SB 2142 (re-pricing)
    - SB 2227 (securitization)

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

Chair Casso asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. by unanimous consent.