



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

Via WebEx

January 12, 2022 | 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

<u>Member of CAC</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Farias	✓	
Lawson Picasso	✓	
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓	
Frank Gonzalez		✓
Andy Castillo	✓	
Raquel Zapata		✓
John Kelly		✓
Tom Corser	✓	
Allie Watters	✓	
Adelita Cantu	✓	
David Walter	✓	
Mary Dennis	✓	
Bill Day	✓	
Luisa Casso- Chair	✓	
MaryEllen Veliz		✓

Also Present were:

Shannon Albert	Curt Brockmann	James Carter	Shelia Casey
Velma Corona	Guillermo DeHoyos	Daniel Elias	KJ Feder
Gabriel Garcia	Kathy Garcia	DeAnna Hardwick	Julia Carrillo Haynes
Drew Higgins	David Kee	Loretta Kerner	Ann Kinnard
Rhonda Krisch	Cory Kuchinsky	Luis Labatt	Jessica Landin
Lisa Lopez	Rick Luna	Adam Marin	Richard Medina
Kari Meyer	Robert Nathan	Karma Nilsson	Daniel Otto
Christine Patmon	Yvonne Pelayo	LeeRoy Perez	Kevin Pollo
Shanna Ramirez	Ricardo Renteria	Jose Reyes	Ricci Schooler
Prabha Somawardana	Melissa Sorola	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chair Bill Day.

Invocation was made by Julia Carrillo Haynes.

Yvonne Pelayo provided a safety message regarding focus while walking. Cell phones provide extreme distraction especially while walking around streets. It's important to always look up and

look around. Additionally, it's important to not cut across active work zones just to get to your location quicker. Stay in your lane and avoid any potential unnecessary harm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the CAC meeting held on December 8, 2021 and January 5, 2022, were deferred to the next meeting.

SCENIC LOOP CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY (CCN) UPDATE

Daniel Otto, EDS Project Manager gave an update on the Scenic Loop Certificate of Convenience & Necessity (CCN) Process. Otto stated that in 2015, SB 776 required that municipally owned utilities receive approval from the Public Utilities Council of Texas (PUC) to construct a transmission line outside of the city limits beginning September 1, 2021. Prior to SB 776, CPS Energy would go through an internal siting and routing process similar to that of the PUC, but approval was not required from the PUC. While the Scenic Loop project is located within the CPS Energy service territory, it is outside the city limits of the City of San Antonio therefore requiring this project to go through the PUC approval process. The PUC Commissioners unanimously approved the need for the project and the proposed transmission route on December 16, 2021. The next step in the process will be for the CPS Energy Board of Trustees to authorize the land acquisition and construction.

Otto stated that this project will improve reliability by expanding electric capacity in the northwest area of Bexar County. The transmission line which will connect to a new substation will be about 4.5 miles long and is expected to be online in June 2024.

The project has taken several years and has involved input from the CPS Energy Board of Trustees, public input by way of an open house, a presentation to the CAC in August of 2019, and a 17-month long application process with the PUC, which has led to this point in the process. Otto stated that a resolution of support is not required but is welcome if the Committee should choose to do so. Looking forward, Board authorization will be sought in January 2022, followed by beginning the process to obtain a City of San Antonio ordinance for eminent domain in February, then the land acquisition process will commence in March.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion to understand the PUC process, public input and feedback received, and the necessity for a vote to draft a resolution of support from the CAC. Ultimately the Committee did not decide to adopt a resolution citing not having received enough information about the project prior to the presentation. The Chair asked CPS Energy staff to return next month with an update on the item.

CAC VISION FOR 2022

Chair Day started off the discussion by stating that there will be several At-Large vacancies coming in 2022. While City Council may nominate members from their respective districts, nominations for At-Large positions come from the community and are then interviewed and approved by the Committee. The Chair asked the CAC to reach out to their network to solicit interest in joining the CAC.

The Chair asked that the members stay engaged over the coming year as the CAC will be weighing in on important issues. As a result, the CAC may be forming subcommittees to tackle these issues. One item in particular will be the decision to move the CAC to open meetings. Committee members offered comments ranging from support for open and transparent meetings, to utilizing an executive session for more sensitive topics and discussion, to pointing

out that the CAC has no authority nor does it make fiduciary decisions. Some members expressed concern with members' participation and willingness to serve if the meetings are open to the public. While several supported opening the meetings, there were several members who also supported keeping the meetings private.

It was decided that a subcommittee would be formed to explore this topic further and the Chair urged the Committee to think about what level of information/access they would like to allow the public to have.

STAFF UPDATE

Julia Carrillo Haynes, Manager of Local Government Relations, provided the following staff update:

- Julia mentioned to the committee that a survey will be sent out to gather members' input on future topics.
- Our last Town Hall event will take place tonight:
 - D1 Virtual – Wednesday, January 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Click on the website at cpsenergy.com/events
- City of San Antonio Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 13, at 9 a.m. for voting on the proposed rate increase.
- CPS Energy offices will be closed Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, January 31, at 1:00 p.m.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, at 11:30 a.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

Chair Bill Day asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time. Tom Corser requested presentations on the **FlexPOWER Bundle**SM and STEP at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.