



## **Citizens Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting Notes 2nd Quarter 2022**

### **April 13, 2022**

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022 the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in-person and via WebEx.

Rick Luna, Director of Technology & Product Innovation provided an update on the next steps in creating a new program for CPS Energy's Save for Tomorrow Energy Program or STEP, which will terminate on July 31, 2022.

Luna informed the Committee that CPS Energy is seeking direction on key elements of the future Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program. Some crucial decisions points include determining the overarching goals and priorities, the overall budget, and the program length of time. The current program consists of weatherization, energy efficiency, demand response and traditional solar rebates.

Chair Day provided an update on the community's desire for the CAC to have open meetings and stated the Committee would need to develop parameters for how to conduct executive session since they are not bound by the requirements outlined in the Texas Open Meetings Act. Chair Day also spoke briefly about the At-Large positions that are open and informed the Committee that there were over 40 applicants for the two open positions. He asked the Executive Committee to review the applicants and narrow it down to five-to-six candidates to interview. Additionally, Chair Day mentioned that District 10 representative Allie Watters will be stepping down but has agreed to stay on until her replacement is named by the Council District.

### **May 11, 2022**

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022 the CAC held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in-person and via WebEx.

Opening remarks were made by CPS Energy Interim President & CEO, Rudy Garza.

Rick Luna, Director of Technology & Product Innovation, provided an update on the next steps in creating the new STEP program. Luna requested the CAC provide a recommendation for a new program, and encouraged the Committee to provide feedback, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on May 23, 2022.

Chair Bill Day called for a vote on the continuation of the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Program, which passed 7-3 with 4 absent.

Kevin Pollo, VP Energy Supply & Market Operations provided an update on the *FlexPower* Bundle<sup>SM</sup>. Pollo highlighted the three aging powerplants, representing 3,000 megawatts of generation, that are at the center of discussion for the *FlexPower* Bundle<sup>SM</sup>. Specific to the three Braunig Gas Power Plants, the goal is to replace these units in the first phase *FlexPower* Bundle<sup>SM</sup>, with the following stage focusing on the Sommers Gas Plants and Spruce Coal Plants. With the pending retirement of the Braunig units, CPS Energy will seek an integrated mix of solar, battery storage and firming generation. Pollo said CPS Energy will continue to proactively look at different options as new technologies are created. Also mentioned the generation discussion would be presented to the CPS Energy Board of Trustees in December of 2022.

Chair Day provided a recap regarding the open At-Large positions. Day mentioned that there were over 40 applicants for the two open positions, which was narrowed down to five individuals who were interviewed by the full Committee. CPS Energy staff compiled the votes from the Committee and the top two applicants that were selected were Andra Clapsaddle and Steve Bonnette. Additionally, due to a current member of the CAC who has not met the attendance requirements of the bylaws being asked to resign, he asked the Committee for approval to extend an invitation to the candidate who received the third highest votes.

Bill Day, Chair called for a vote to consider Andra Clapsaddle and Steve Bonnette for the two open At-Large positions, and for staff to contact Bob Zapata for a future position, which passed unanimously with 4 absent.

Chair Day spoke briefly on the standing conversation of transitioning to open meetings and proposed that the meetings be recorded and made available to the public on the CPS Energy website the same way the minutes and agenda are made available.

**June 8, 2022**

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022 the CAC held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in-person and via WebEx.

Chair Day welcomed the two new At-Large committee members, Andra Clapsaddle, who participated in-person, and Steve Bonnette, who participated virtually.

Angela Rodriguez, Director of Climate Strategy & Sustainability, provided the Committee an update on CPS Energy's efforts in emission reductions and the City of San Antonio's Climate Action and Adaptation plan (CAAP). The CAAP set a goal for the City of San Antonio to be net-zero, or carbon neutral, by 2050, and was adopted by both San Antonio City Council and the CPS Energy Board of Trustees in 2019. The CAAP outlines strategies to mitigate or reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and identifies strategies to adapt to a changing climate. Rodriguez covered the various sectors that contribute to overall GHG inventory for the City of San Antonio and discussed how CPS Energy contributes to GHG through building energy usage. Overall, CPS Energy's forecast projections show an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2040 and will continue to reduce all other emissions as well.

Chair Day discussed the suggestion to record the CAC monthly meetings and make them available on the CPS Energy website for the public to view after the meeting. He asked that the meeting recordings be posted to the website 48-72 hours following the meeting, barring any technical issues. CAC Members asked for a disclaimer at the beginning of the recording stating that the views presented are that of the CAC Members and do not reflect the views of CPS Energy.