



Meeting Notes
Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
January 20, 2021
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Virtual Meeting – WebEx

Meeting attendance available [here](#). | Recording of meeting available [here](#).

Introductions

- We'll be posting a recording of this meeting on the web. Meeting is being livestreamed thought YouTube.

Recap of December 2020

- In December:
 - Reviewed progress made in 2020
 - Looked ahead to 2021
 - Learned about Greenscaping
- Since December:
 - Scheduled 3 charrettes
 - Scheduling 12 interviews / mini-charrettes
 - Invited over 80 stakeholders
- Look ahead to 2021
 - January
 - Charrette 1: Community & Equity
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Community survey launch
 - February
 - Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
 - Charrette 3: Intersection of the Natural & Built Environments
 - Stakeholder, ACCGov interviews
 - Community conversations
 - March and April
 - Community conversations continue
 - Survey results analysis
 - Plan outlining, development begins
 - May - September
 - Plan development and revisions
 - CAB feedback
 - October – December
 - Plan completion
 - Commission presentation and vote for adoption

Stakeholder Engagement

- Interviews list



- Clarke County School District
- University of Georgia
- Walton EMC
- Jackson EMC
- Georgia Power Company
- Small Business Group
- Large Business Group
- Family Connection of Athens Neighborhood Leaders
- Immigrant Community Organizations (Athens Immigrant Rights Coalition; Casa de Amistad; Lazos Hispanos; The Ark)
- Athens Community Council on Aging
- Interfaith Clergy Partnership of Greater Athens
- Commercial Realty (Austin Sumner Properties; Boswell Group; NAI Elrod Group; Nichols Land & Investment; Whitworth Land Corp.)
- Interviews – topics for discussion
 - Introductions
 - Background on sustainability efforts and clean energy goal setting
 - Planning progress to-date
 - 100% Clean and Renewable Energy Action Plan
 - Goals - ACCUG and Community-wide
 - How do we get there?
 - Effects for your organization and community
 - Open discussion
 - Priorities, questions, concerns, and needs
 - Opportunities for action and support
 - Next steps and continued engagement
- Charrettes – scheduled
 - Charrette 1: Community & Equity – goals
 - Provide overview of clean and renewable energy planning efforts to date.
 - Provide context for the effects that a 100% clean and renewable energy future may have for Athens' vibrant communities.
 - All income levels
 - All neighborhoods/geographic locations
 - All communities/identities
 - Hear community priorities, recommendations, and goals for achieving an equitable clean and renewable energy future for all.
 - Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy – goals
 - Provide overview of clean and renewable energy planning efforts to date.
 - Explore what a clean energy future will mean for the local Athens economy and workforce.
 - Gain a clear understanding of business and workforce priorities, needs, and expectations for a clean and renewable energy future.
 - Charrette 3: Intersection of Natural & Built Environments – goals
 - Provide overview of clean and renewable energy planning efforts to date.
 - Discuss how the natural and built environments might adapt to a clean and renewable energy future.



- Understand these groups' priorities, concerns, needs, and goals for a clean and renewable energy future.
 - What interests/concerns does their org have?
- Facilitated conversation and feedback gathering.
- Charrette Process
 - Agenda (Proposed)
 - Athens 100% Clean & Renewable Energy Action Planning (20 min)
 - Advanced Clean Energy Scenario (ACES) Energy Modeling (10 min)
 - Breakout Group Discussion (40 min)
 - Report-out & Conclusion (20 min)
 - Discussion Questions (Proposed)
 - What's your initial reaction to the City's clean energy goal?
 - How can we best engage with you as we move forward with Plan development?
 - How can we ensure the goals of this Plan are achieved in the decades to come?
 - How do you see your organization contributing to this effort?
 - Charrette-Specific Questions (Proposed)
 - Community and Equity
 - Within the community and equity space, what are your priorities in this clean energy transition?
 - What opportunities do you see in this clean energy transition?
 - What concerns do you have from an equity perspective?
 - Clean Energy Economy
 - What do you see as the top priorities for ensuring a just and beneficial transition to a clean energy economy in Athens?
 - What opportunities do you see in this clean energy transition?
 - What potential roadblocks may arise as Athens moves toward a thriving clean energy economy?
 - Intersection of the Natural and Built Environments
 - What should we be prioritizing as we work to ensure balance between an efficient built environment and maintaining Athens' thriving natural ecosystems?
 - What opportunities do you see in this clean energy transition?
 - What impacts might this have on your organization's priorities?
 - 80+ Stakeholders invited! (See Google Drive for full list)
- Charette CAB Participation

Name	Organization	First preference charrette
Amy C. Kissane	W&A Engineering	Charrette 1: Community and Equity
Buck Bacon	W&A Engineering	Charrette 3: Intersection of Natural & Built Environments
Charlie Gluodenis	AHA	Charrette 1: Community and Equity
John Newland	AAHBA	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
Lisa Gautreaux	ACTION, Inc.	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy



Michael Songster	100% Athens	Charrette 1: Community and Equity
Tawana S Mattox	Athens Land Trust	Charrette 1: Community and Equity
Tom Lawrence	Athens USGBC	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy

Name	Organization	First preference charrette
Andrew Saunders	ACCGov Central Services	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
Beth Smith	ACCGov Central Services / Facilities Management	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
Ilka McConnell	ACCGov Econ Dev	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
Joseph D'Angelo	ACCGov GIS	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
Melinda Lord	ACCGov Housing and Community Development	Charrette 1: Community and Equity
	ACCGov Central Services	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
	ACCGov Central Services / Facilities Management	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy
	ACCGov Econ Dev	Charrette 2: Clean Energy Economy

- Maggie will send invites
- We will register them and send them the invites
- Let Mike and Maggie know if you're interested but not on here

Open discussion

- Amy Kissane: What is CAB role in the charrettes?
 - Mike Wharton: We see your role as listening, helping us pick up on trends/concerns/themes/ideas, ask questions and help guide the stakeholders.
 - Mike: Help us refine we're focusing on.
 - Mike: Share with your orgs.
- Amy: Are CAB members be going to be represented in the interviews/mini-charrettes?
 - Mike: If you think you have something to add from your organization, bring your thoughts and recommendations
 - Amy: concerned that she doesn't have what she needs to present back to W&A
 - Mike offers that he and Maggie can offer to Zoom with their org – and same goes for all orgs
- Michael: Where are we with the survey?
 - Would have liked to have that as a discussion point within a CAB meeting.
 - Document that Michael saw was marked as "information only."
 - Would like to spend more time in CAB meetings going through that stuff
- Create dedicated folder(s) within Google Drive for Charrettes, Interviews
 - Add charrette questions, materials
 - Add survey to Google Drive if not already there