



Climate Justice Advisory Board (CJAB)

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Introduction of CJAB Members

Thank You!

Unanimously established CJAB on January 20, 2021



January 2021

January 2022



Declared a climate emergency in Saint Paul, Minnesota on January 19, 2022.
Issued joint climate action with cities and counties across the state

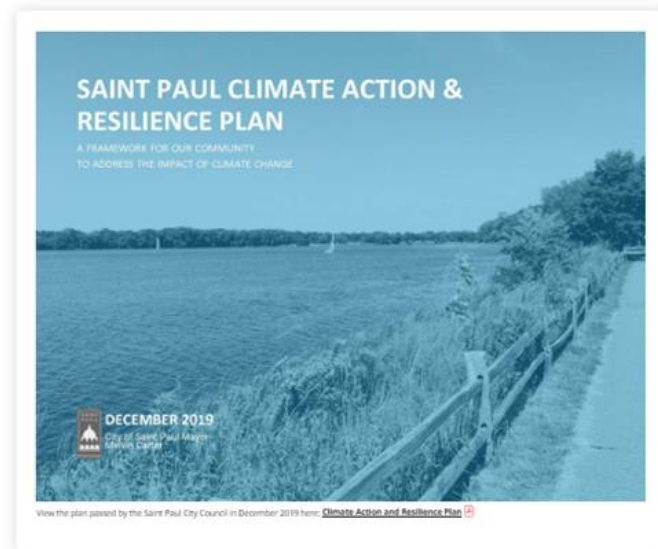
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CJAB will advise the Mayor and City Council on the development of policies and programs related to the City of Saint Paul's Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP). The CJAB's focus will be to ensure that the costs and benefits of new programs in clean energy, energy efficiency, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and climate resilience and adaptation, are equitably distributed and address the challenges faced by our most vulnerable populations and neighborhoods.





- Year 1: Got grounded in CARP & current initiatives
- Laid groundwork to more proactively help the City prioritize and maximize the impact of new climate justice initiatives
- We know we need to do a lot! But that we can only do so much



Our connections with the Council

CJAB has connected with the Council twice in the past year:

- Daunte Wright curfew
- Line 3

These interactions allow us to continue thoughtful conversations on the role of CJAB and the intersection of climate change and social justice.

First Year Accomplishments

Board Structure

Climate Justice Definition

Community building

Defining our role

Board Structure

- Shared Leadership including Co-chairs, Chair Designate, Secretary, and a youth leader
- Diverse and representative leadership including youth and Saint Paul community advocates
- Staggered terms to support leadership development
- Rotating leadership: New chair every 6 months

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Climate Justice Definition

To achieve equitable and just outcomes, we must ensure equity & inclusion are centered in decision-making & utilize a climate justice lens. Climate Justice aims to establish a world where everyone has dignity & can thrive. Climate Justice is realized when the residents & communities that experience the most harm from unhealthful air & water, the urban heat island effect, fewer trees & less access to greenspace, & other inequities related to environmental racism, are prioritized with investments that lead to cleaner air, water, more energy-efficient and healthful homes & businesses, equal access to greenspace, & accelerated economic opportunity.

A Climate Just Saint Paul looks like a community in which there are equitable & sustainable systems so that everyone has dignity & can thrive by having access to clean air, water, greenspace & natural areas, economic stability & mobility, healthy food, affordable & safe housing and neighborhoods, & safe and quality education.

Community Building

Building the CJAB community

- Developed our Climate Justice Definition
- Established board structure
- Hosted outdoor Summer Meet Up
- Started visioning for Year 2

Getting to know our city's community

- Mayor attended meeting for discussion after Daunte Wright's death
- IRP-PUC role
- EV Spot Network and EV Carshare
- Presentation on Truth in Sale of Housing Energy Disclosure proposal
- Low-income energy efficiency & weatherization presentation
- Youth Commission

**What are CJAB
Members most proud
of in their first year?**

Building a Caring Community

"Our collaborative approach to defining climate justice was very memorable. It spoke to our ability to be thoughtful in this important work."

"The courage of our members to use their voice to advocate for climate justice. It's powerful when a diverse group of strangers share a unified purpose."

"How passionate people are and motivated to improve the lives of our community members and Saint Paul."

Learning

"I think before joining the CJAB and reading the CARP and all the different maps of the city really showed the challenges and inequities we have in Saint Paul without any words."

"The most memorable part about CJAB in the first year was learning about the different programs in energy the City of Saint Paul offer and presenters for taking their time to talk with us."

"The conversation with Mayor Carter. To be able to talk about the CJAB and our role."

Looking Ahead

Identified Priorities:

- Transportation
- Energy burden
- Green workforce development and inclusion
- Emergency preparedness
- Communication/education with community



Transportation

- Gas-powered automobiles are greenhouse gas contributor, local pollution impact
- Inequitable access to transit options
- Car-ownership is expensive
- Lack of cars in a car-centric community results in time-consuming transit
- Extreme weather events could greatly impact car-less households





Energy Burden

- We all want healthy homes and energy efficiency. How should the city prioritize these efforts in the short-term?
- Funding from the American Rescue Plan could provide support to those who are the most burdened





Green Workforce Development and Inclusion

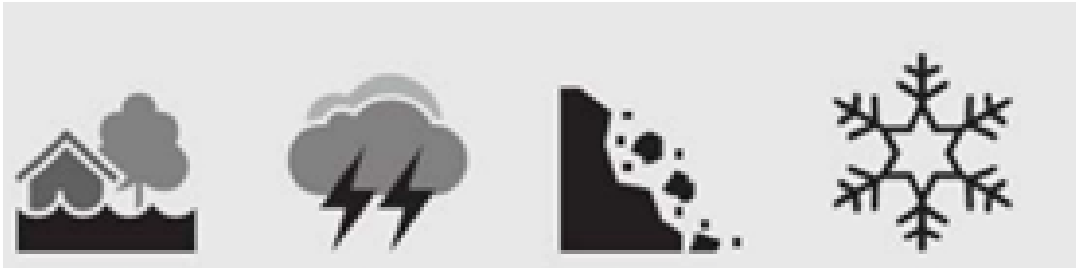
- What opportunities should the city advise on? How will the city support a "Building Green Saint Paul"?
- How can Saint Paul position itself as a leader when it comes to today's workforce and the workforce of the future?





Emergency Preparedness

- How can we ensure residents are better prepared and educated?
- Where can the "American Rescue Plan" support?



Communication & Education with Community

- CJAB will advise on elements of new virtual Climate Action Dashboard
- What opportunities are there for CJAB/the city to better share and educate residents on the importance of just climate action and already implemented solutions?
- How can the cities support schools on climate justice?
- How can the youth council and CJAB work together?
- Are there other voices we (and the city) should be connecting with?



An Invitation!

We'd love for you to
join a meeting and are
always available for
consultation on related
issues!



Questions?