



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Commission

Monday, March 16, 2026

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nabhan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Room (Room 140) at City Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Nabhan led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Jeffery Nabhan
Vice Chair Kristina Pistone
Commissioner Colin Ford
Commissioner Douglas Kunz
Commissioner Richard Parenteau

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Madeline Chang
Commissioner Cortney Jansen

Commissioner Chang's and Commissioner Jansen's absence was excused by general consent.

Council Liaison - Councilmember Cisneros (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PRESENTATION

[26-0390](#) PRESENTATION - SVCE Programs Update

Eric Rodriguez, Decarbonization and Community Strategies Lead; Leanna Huynh,

Programs Lead; and Joseph Lande, Manager of Energy Services; from Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) provided an overview of policy updates, community programs, decarbonization initiatives, and Sunnyvale's participation in SVCE programs. The presentation highlighted SVCE's role in providing carbon-free electricity, supporting electrification through incentives and programs, coordinating on regional zero-NOx (Nitrogen Oxides) appliance rules, and advancing an updated Decarbonization Roadmap.

Commissioners asked questions and staff provided clarification and indicated where follow-up information would be provided.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 8:20 p.m.

AJ raised concerns about e-bike sidewalk use, traffic signal adjustments to reduce idling, potential grid reliability issues with bidirectional EV charging, and requested clarification on commercial heat pump systems.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 8:23 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[26-0391](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 8:23 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 8:24 p.m.

Commissioner Parenteau moved, and Commissioner Kunz seconded, a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Jansen

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[26-0392](#) Sustainability Speaker Series Proposal for FY 2026/27 - 27/28

Madeline Khair, Environmental Programs Manager, presented an overview of attendance trends and proposed updates to the Sustainability Speaker Series, including a shift toward fewer, more interactive in-person events over a two-year period.

The Sustainability Speaker Series Subcommittee, composed of Commissioner Jansen, Vice Chair Pistone, and Chair Nabhan presented the Draft FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28 Sustainability Speaker Series Proposal. The focus for the series is to host interactive, in-person and community building events to increase participation. The proposal included the following six proposed topics and event formats, for up to three events to be hosted between FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28: (1) Sustainability and Climate Messaging Workshop; (2) Waste Reduction Fair; (3) Resilience Hubs Workshop; (4) Cross-generational Climate Roundtable Discussion; (5) Food-focused Fair; (6) All About Plastic Fair. The Subcommittee also presented potential speakers and organizations to partner with and potential talk titles. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of each topic and clarified differences between topics.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 9:10 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 9:10 p.m.

The Commission discussed consolidating topics before ranking.

Chair Nabhan called a five-minute recess at 9:13 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

Commissioner Kunz moved, and Commissioner Ford seconded, a motion to combine the waste reduction, food fair, and plastics fair topics into a single waste reduction fair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Jansen

Commissioners individually ranked each topic. Staff tabulated the rankings and provided the following ranked list of topics:

(1) Waste Reduction Fair; (2) Sustainability and Climate Messaging Workshop; (3) Cross-generational Climate Roundtable Discussion; (4) Resilience Hubs Workshop.

Commissioner Parenteau moved, and Commissioner Kunz seconded, a motion to approve the FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28 Sustainability Speaker Series topics as prioritized and authorize staff to finalize it.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Jansen

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Parenteau raised concerns about high-powered e-bikes in bike lanes, suggesting limits to Type 1 and Type 2 pedal-assist devices. Commissioner

Parenteau also clarified that balcony solar and storage systems do not create grid synchronization issues.

Commissioner Kunz shared that he recently purchased a used EV and recommended driving electric.

Councilmember Cisneros noted upcoming City Council meetings for the Sustainability Commission to be aware of. Councilmember Cisneros also announced that the citywide shuttle service was approved and the program launch will be announced soon.

-Staff Comments

Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, reported on previous and upcoming events.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[26-0393](#)

Annual Work Plan March 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.