



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Commission

Monday, April 15, 2024

7:00 PM

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1.A [24-0554](#) Draft Proposal for FY 2024/25 Sustainability Speaker Series

The Sustainability Speaker Series Subcommittee, composed of Commissioners Besser, Pistone and Vice Chair Veitch presented the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Sustainability Speaker Series Proposal. The theme for this series is “Beyond the Shoreline,” and includes the following seven proposed topics, for up to four events to be hosted in FY 2024/25: (1) Wetlands and climate resilience; (2) Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture of the future; (3) Equity in coastal access; (4) Save the Bay: a history of advocacy and lessons learned; (5) Empowering youth to become ocean stewards; (6) Keeping pollution out of the Bay; (7) Kelp forest resiliency. The Subcommittee also presented potential speakers and talk titles for each topic. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of each topic and clarified differences between topics.

Chair Kunz opened the Public Hearing.

Richard Parentow thanked the Sustainability Speaker Series Subcommittee for their work on the draft proposal. Mr. Parentow provided input on the “Kelp forest resiliency” event topic.

Jissel Alvarez provided input on the “Empowering youth to become ocean stewards” event topic. Ms. Alvarez also recommended the City look into working closer with local grocery stores to help them reduce plastic packaging.

Chair Kunz closed the Public Hearing.

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

(1) Wetlands and climate resilience; (2) Equity in coastal access; (3) Empowering

youth to become ocean stewards; (4) Keeping pollution out of the Bay; (5) Kelp forest resiliency; (6) Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture of the future; (7) Save the Bay: a history of advocacy and lessons learned.

MOTION: Commissioner Besser moved, and Commissioner Pistone seconded, a motion to approve the FY 2024/25 Sustainability Speaker Series topics as prioritized.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Kunz
Vice Chair Veitch
Commissioner Besser
Commissioner Makwana
Commissioner Pistone
Commissioner Wickham

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nabhan