



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes Sustainability Commission

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Monday, August 21, 2023

7:00 PM

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wickham called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Bay Conference Room (Room 145) at City Hall.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Wickham led the salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Kristel Wickham  
Vice Chair Douglas Kunz  
Commissioner Kathryn Besser  
Commissioner Bobbykin Makwana  
Commissioner Jeffery Nabhan  
Commissioner Kristina Pistone  
Commissioner Tonya Veitch

Council Liaison - Councilmember Melton (absent)

### **STUDY SESSION**

[23-0816](#) Climate Action Playbook Update: 2021 GHG Inventory

Madeline Khair, Environmental Programs Manager, and Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, presented the 2021 Greenhouse Gas Inventory results and provided Game Plan 2028 updates. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and staff provided answers.

### **PRESENTATION**

[23-0817](#) PRESENTATION - Climate Budgeting (Commissioner Presentation)

Chair Wickham provided an overview on climate budgeting and examples from cities currently implementing it. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and Chair Wickham provided answers.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Ralph Kenton inquired about Sunnyvale's garbage and recycling programs and requested guidance on sorting waste at home.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

[23-0738](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2023

Chair Wickham noted that the agenda attendance was missing Commissioner Besser's presence.

Commissioner Besser moved, and Vice Chair Kunz seconded, a motion to approve the consent calendar reflecting Commissioner Besser's presence at the June meeting.

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Wickham  
Vice Chair Kunz  
Commissioner Besser  
Commissioner Makwana  
Commissioner Nabhan  
Commissioner Pistone  
Commissioner Veitch

**No:** 0

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

[23-0818](#) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Wickham provided an overview of the Chair and Vice Chair selection process.

Chair Wickham opened the floor to nominations for the office of Chair.

Commissioner Nabhan nominated Vice Chair Kunz to serve as Chair. Vice Chair Kunz accepted the nomination.

With no further nominations, Chair Wickham closed the floor for the nominations for the office of Chair.

The Commissioners voted to elect Vice Chair Kunz to serve as the Chair as follows:

- Yes: 7 -** Chair Wickham
- Vice Chair Kunz
- Commissioner Besser
- Commissioner Makwana
- Commissioner Nabhan
- Commissioner Pistone
- Commissioner Veitch

**No: 0**

Vice Chair Kunz was elected as Chair of the Sustainability Commission.

Chair Wickham opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Kunz nominated Commissioner Veitch to serve as Vice Chair.  
Commissioner Veitch accepted the nomination.

With no further nominations, Chair Wickham closed the floor for the nominations for the office of Chair.

The Commissioners voted to elect Commissioner Veitch to serve as the Vice Chair as follows:

- Yes: 7 -** Chair Wickham
- Vice Chair Kunz
- Commissioner Besser
- Commissioner Makwana
- Commissioner Nabhan
- Commissioner Pistone
- Commissioner Veitch

**No: 0**

Commissioner Veitch was elected as Vice Chair of the Sustainability Commission.

**STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

### **-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Veitch noted that the County will be hosting an induction cooking demonstration event in San Jose on September 26. The event will have a former contestant from Top Chef cooking, and the event will be spoken in Vietnamese.

Commissioner Besser shared that the Cherry Hill neighborhood is hosting their 14th Annual Harvest Share event on Sunday, August 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. on Kelsey Drive near Syracuse Drive. The event provides an opportunity for community-building and sharing surplus harvests with neighbors. The event is open to the public, free of charge, and attending does not require a contribution.

Commissioner Pistone shared that Taylor Street Farm in San Jose is always looking for volunteers during the weekdays and weekends, and that volunteers can take home food that is grown locally at the farm. Commissioner Pistone also shared that the National Academy of Sciences is hosting an online event on Thursday, August 24 at noon. The event will discuss how K-12 schools can reduce their carbon emissions.

Chair Wickham requested that Commissioners save the date for an Electric Home Tour with sponsorship from Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Peninsula Clean Energy and Palo Alto Utilities. The event will be on October 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there will be roughly 20 to 30 San Mateo and Santa Clara county homes featured on the tour.

### **-Staff Comments**

Ms. Raby reported on previously hosted events and reminded Commissioners of upcoming events and the deadline for submitting Study Issue forms.

## **INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

[23-0819](#)

Updated Annual Work Plan August 2023

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wickham adjourned meeting at 10:21 p.m.