



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Commission

Tuesday, February 17, 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 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: 7 - Chair Jeffery Nabhan
Vice Chair Kristina Pistone
Commissioner Madeline Chang
Commissioner Colin Ford
Commissioner Cortney Jansen
Commissioner Douglas Kunz
Commissioner Richard Parenteau

Council Liaison - Councilmember Cisneros absent

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

STUDY SESSION

[26-0320](#) Reach Codes and Building Electrification Update

Rhea Grover, Environmental Programs Specialist, Varun Pande, Environmental Programs Specialist and Madeline Khair, Environmental Programs Manager provided an update on Sunnyvale's building energy Reach Codes as well as an upcoming Building Electrification Campaign that the Environmental Services

department is launching this year. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and staff provided answers.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 8:03 p.m.

Winnie Lam spoke in support of staff's presentation and the City's work on Reach Codes. Winnie asked whether staff had considered incorporating cool roofs and passive cooling approaches into the building electrification strategy and referenced similar roof reflectance requirements adopted in Los Angeles County, New York City, and Chicago.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 8:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION

[26-0319](#) PRESENTATION - Long-term Sustainability Considerations

Commissioner Kunz delivered a Commissioner presentation reflecting on lessons learned during service on the Sustainability Commission since 2018. The presentation highlighted several themes, including the impact of policies, the importance of publicly celebrating sustainability successes, the value of incremental policy change, focusing on areas where the City has influence, connecting individual agenda items to broader City initiatives, and the role of persistence and curiosity in advancing long-term sustainability goals.

Commissioner Jansen asked if AI was used to make the presentation.

Chair Nabhan thanked Commissioner Kunz for serving on the Sustainability Commission and for always having insightful and thought-provoking comments.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 8:16 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 8:16 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[26-0321](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 8:17 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 8:17 p.m.

Commissioner Parenteau moved, and Commissioner Ford seconded, a motion to approve the consent calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Parenteau expressed interest in cool roofs as a potential future agenda topic and suggested the Commission consider their potential for reducing energy use in buildings. Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, confirm that a future item could be prepared.

Vice Chair Pistone recommended the book *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, noting its reflections on sustainability and reciprocity with nature.

Commissioner Jansen recommended the Green Schoolyards lecture series at greenschooleyards.org, highlighting a recent webinar on fires, vegetation, and schoolyards in the wildland-urban interface. Commissioner Jansen also commended staff and consultants for the format and facilitation of the recent community outreach meeting on artificial turf.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Raby reported on previous and upcoming events.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[26-0322](#) Updated Annual Work Plan February 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.