



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Commission

Monday, September 15, 2025

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 Srinivasan (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

STUDY SESSION

[25-0226](#) Gather Input on East Channel Trail Alternatives

Traffic Engineer, Esther Zheng, and Senior Traffic Engineer, Kevin Chen, presented an overview of the East Channel Trail Study, a feasibility study initiated in late 2024 to explore development of a shared-use trail along the East Channel Maintenance Road.

The Commission collectively expressed support for the East Channel Trail Study, recognizing its alignment with the City's Climate Action Playbook and Active Transportation Plan goals. Commissioners commended the project's potential to enhance sustainable mobility and community connectivity. They also encouraged staff to increase youth and school engagement, emphasizing the importance of outreach to students.

The Commission highlighted several key considerations, including the need to prevent litter accumulation along the trail, to establish clear guidance on e-bike speed management and trail etiquette, and to ensure that the project does not impact the channel's flood control function.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[25-0918](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025

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

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Chair Nabhan

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

Chair Nabhan noted that, based on input received during the August 26, 2025, City Council Study Session, Council is likely to implement changes to the existing Study Issue process, and all Boards and Commissions should postpone sponsorship of new Study Issues at their September and October meetings.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Pistone shared information about an October 8, 2025, event featuring Ayana Elizabeth Johnson at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. Vice Chair Pistone encouraged others to attend. Vice Chair Pistone also reported attending Viva Calle two weeks prior, noting it was a successful and enjoyable community event.

Commissioner Kunz announced plans to attend the State of the City event over the upcoming weekend and expressed hope to see fellow Commissioners there.

Council Liaison Srinivasan confirmed that the State of the City event will take place on Saturday, September 20, at 8:30 a.m., beginning with a brief Council meeting followed by the main community celebration. Councilmember Srinivasan invited all Commissioners to attend.

-Staff Comments

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

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[25-0919](#)

Updated Annual Work Plan September 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.