



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Commission

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kunz led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Douglas Kunz
Vice Chair Tonya Veitch
Commissioner Kathryn Besser
Commissioner Bobbykin Makwana
Commissioner Jeffery Nabhan
Commissioner Kristina Pistone

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kristel Wickham

Commissioner Wickham's absence was excused by general consent.

Council Liaison - Councilmember Din (absent)

PRESENTATION

[24-0370](#) PRESENTATION - SVCE Programs Update

Nupur Hiremath, Manager of Decarbonization Programs and Policy and Zoe Elizabeth, Deputy Director of Decarbonization Programs and Policy, from Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) provided an overview of SVCE's policy updates, community programs, incentive and rebate programs, and pathways for electrification. The Commission asked clarifying questions, and SVCE staff provided answers.

STUDY SESSION

[24-0371](#) Single Use Plastics Policy/Programs Update

Shikha Gupta, Solid Waste Programs Division Manager, and Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist II, provided an update on the recently launched Reusable Foodware Pilot Project with Sunnyvale businesses. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and staff provided answers.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Residents Andrea Wald and Kristel Wickham thanked the Sustainability Commission for their efforts to highly rank Study Issue ESD 24-01, "Evaluate the Use of Artificial Turf versus Living Groundcover." Both residents mentioned the Study Issue was ranked highly at the Council Strategic Study Session on February 15, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Kunz noted the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes contained an incomplete motion statement under the consent calendar.

Commissioner Nabhan moved, and Commissioner Pistone seconded, a motion to approve the consent calendar items.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Vice Chair Veitch introduced a friendly amendment to vote separately on the two consent calendar items.

Commissioner Nabhan accepted the friendly amendment.

- 1.A** [24-0372](#) Approve the Joint Study Session Minutes of November 30, 2023, with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory, Planning and Sustainability Commissions.

Commissioner Nabhan moved, and Commissioner Pistone seconded, a motion to approve item 1.A in the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wickham

1.B [24-0373](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024

Commissioner Nabhan moved, and Commissioner Pistone seconded, a motion to approve item 1.B in the consent calendar reflecting the correct motion statement for the January 16 consent calendar item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Kunz
Commissioner Besser
Commissioner Makwana
Commissioner Nabhan
Commissioner Pistone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wickham

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Veitch

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Veitch and Commissioner Pistone thanked attendees and Commissioners for attending and promoting the two recent Sustainability Speaker Series events and provided information on where to watch the recorded webinars. The theme for fiscal year 2023/24 is “Water in a Changing Climate.”

Chair Kunz thanked SVCE staff for their presentation and noted he has taken advantage of a few of the residential electrification programs offered. Chair Kunz encouraged Commissioners to watch the Active Transportation Update that was provided at the January 25 Council Strategic Workshop by Department of Public Works staff. Chair Kunz reported to the Commission that he provided public comment at two of the recent City Council meetings discussing potential Study Issues to advocate for the ESD Study Issues the Sustainability Commission ranked in January.

-Staff Comments

Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, reported on previous and upcoming events and reminder Commissioners to save the date for the upcoming Study Session with the City Council on Game Plan 2028 happening on March 19, 2024.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[24-0374](#) Updated Annual Work Plan February 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.