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Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Fukumoto

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Srivastava opened the public hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair Srivastava closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 Climate Action Plan to Achieve State Recommended

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals in Assembly Bill

32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Environmental Review: Negative Declaration

Vice Chair Srivastava opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Sunnyvale resident and realtor Barbara Williams and Government Affairs Director, Jessica Epstein, of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors spoke regarding concerns about a measure in the draft Climate Action Plan that calls for the establishment of an ordinance to require homeowners perform and disclose energy and water audits at the time of sale.

Vice Chair Srivastava closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Commissioner Glaser made a motion and Commissioner Kisyova seconded to recommend that Council take the following actions:

Alternative 1 (and 3 Planning Commission Only):

- -Approve the Negative Declaration;
- -Adopt the Climate Action Plan with Implementation Program;
- -Direct staff to move forward with "just do it" CAP Action Items;
- -Direct staff to prepare a CAP CEQA checklist to determine future project consistency with the CAP for all departments to use for public and private projects;
- -Direct staff to come back to Council within four months with a timeline, work plan and possible funding strategies for CAP GHG emission reduction measures; and
- -Direct staff to come back within four months with a recommendation for securing a CAP monitoring program with a proposed budget modification as needed.

Commissioner Glaser commented that he likes the idea of accepting the Climate Action Plan enmasse rather than accepting the plan in piecemeal. Commissioner

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Glaser commented that Sunnyvale as a community and a participant in the state needs to contribute to reducing emissions and it will be great to put the plan it place and actually see that the results end up the way we want them to be.

Commissioner Hafeman acknowledged the concerns of the realtors in attendance. Commissioner Hafeman commented that implementing the Climate Action Plan will cost everyone. Commissioner Hafeman commented that if it were easy it would already be done. Commissioner Hafeman commented that Sunnyvale as a community has the opportunity to come together and address this issue and show the world what we can do. Commissioner Hafeman commented that the Commission meeting is not the time or the forum to be putting restrictions on the Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Fukumoto acknowledged the concerns of the realtors in attendance. Commissioner Fukumoto commented that she does not think the Commission should be going through the hundred-odd actions and analyzing them during the meeting. Commissioner Fukumoto commented that it would be more appropriate for the Council to address the big pieces. Commissioner Fukumoto commented that Council and staff working together with the Commissions can work out the different pieces. Commissioner Fukumoto commented that she thinks it makes sense to adopt the entire Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Kisyova acknowledged the concerns raised by the realtors in attendance. Commissioner Kisyova commented that the cost of not taking action is so much greater than the cost of an energy audit.

Commissioner Paton commented that he moved to Sunnyvale 25 years ago and started a family. Commissioner Paton commented that the real cost to him is the impact of doing nothing on the life of his son and the kids of this community would be so huge by comparison with the cost of taking action now. Commissioner Paton praised the effort of staff and the consultants and acknowledged the concerns of the realtors group in attendance. Commissioner Paton commented that the Commission is endorsing a broader program which they think is vital to the health of this community and for Sunnyvale to be a leader. Commissioner Paton commented that Sunnyvale is a leader in technology so why should we be a follower when it comes to this issue.

Commissioner Srivastava acknowledged the concerns raised by the realtors group in attendance. Commissioner Srivastava commended the effort of staff and consultants. Commissioner Srivastava commented that, looking at the work as a whole, he would support the plan.

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The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Fukumoto

Commissioner Glaser Commissioner Hafeman Commissioner Kisyova Commissioner Paton Vice Chair Srivastava

No: 0

3 Selection of a Sustainability Commission Chair

Commissioner Fukumoto nominated Commissioner Srivastava as the Sustainability Commission Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Fukumoto

Commissioner Glaser Commissioner Hafeman Commissioner Kisyova Commissioner Paton Vice Chair Srivastava

No: 0

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Glaser acknowledged and commended Mayor Griffith for his action of sending a letter of opposition regarding AB 2145 to the State Assembly.

Commissioner Glaser reported that Stanford University's annual Precourt Energy Efficiency Center Silicon Valley Energy Summit will be June 19, 2014 and that he will again be attending.

Commissioner Kisyova reported that she has joined a nonprofit that has a Zero Net Energy Working Group focusing on education to let people know how they can perform zero net energy construction.

Commissioner Paton reported taking a tour of the LEED platinum certified Packard Foundation building.

Commissioner Fukumoto reported attending an event at Acterra that hosted Mosaic founder Billy Parish. Mosaic uses crowd sourcing to connect investors to high