



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Sustainability Commission

Monday, January 26, 2015

7:00 PM

Garden Conference Room, City Hall, 456
W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Garden Conference Room.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Paton led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Bruce Paton
Vice Chair Amit Srivastava
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Gerald Glaser
Commissioner Brian Glazebrook
Commissioner Petya Kisyova
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dan Hafeman

Council Liaison-Gustav Larsson (present)

Commissioner Hafeman's absence is excused.

PRESENTATION

1 [15-0162](#) PRESENTATION - Georgetown University Energy Prize Challenge

Elaine Marshall, Environmental Programs Manager, provided a presentation about the City's participation in the Georgetown University Energy Prize Challenge, including an overview of planned actions and work with community partners.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2 [14-0227](#) Draft Minutes of the Sustainability Commission Meeting of November 17, 2014

Commissioner Glaser moved and Vice Chair Srivastava seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Paton
 Vice Chair Srivastava
 Commissioner Fukumoto
 Commissioner Glaser
 Commissioner Glazebrook
 Commissioner Kisyo

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Hafeman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 3 [14-0226](#) Discussion of the Commission's Strategic Direction

The Commissioners discussed opportunities for aligning items that are reviewed and discussed by the Commission to ensure that the Commission continues to effectively serve the City Council and community. Commissioners agreed to organize the 2015 work plan around a set of key themes. Commissioners identified some initial themes and will identify additional themes at the next meeting. Commissioner Glazebrook agreed to develop evaluation criteria that the Commission can consider and use to prioritize the key themes at the next meeting. Chair Paton, working with staff, agreed to develop a framework for how the information on the key themes will be presented to the Commission. Once themes have been identified and prioritized, staff will work with the Chair and Vice Chair and the key departments to schedule the topics for future Commission meetings.

No action was taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Glaser reported that he will be participating in an upcoming Horizon

2035 Committee Meeting. The Land Use and Transportation Element is scheduled for City Council consideration later this year. Commissioner Glaser further reported that the Mountain View Community Shuttles are operational. Google is running about 200 buses daily and this operation requires significant orchestration. The City may need to start thinking about daytime bus parking infrastructure. Transportation is an important issue for Sunnyvale. Commissioner Glaser also shared that a new Stanford study has estimated the social cost of carbon (CO2 emissions) to be \$220 per ton.

Commissioner Glazebrook reported that NetApp will be hosting a Business Forum on Community Choice Energy on January 29, 2015 targeting key local business. This event is sponsored by the Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Mountain View, and County of Santa Clara in partnership with Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Business for Clean Energy. Commissioner Glazebrook agreed that transportation is a critical issue for the area and would like to explore how the Commission/City can leverage and engage local companies to identify partnerships or sponsorship opportunities for new and creative transit options.

Commissioner Fukumoto posed a few questions about the Study Issues process: (1) What is the process for the Sustainability Commission to rank broader study issues that are not sponsored by or assigned to the Commission? Examples of 2015 Study Issues that may have been of interest to the Commission but were not included on the Commission's list included Multi-family Transportation Demand Management Programs, Smoking Prohibition at Multi-family Residences, and other transportation related issues. (2) Can the Commission influence which Study Issues are assigned for ranking and/or review, or possibly provide comment or input from a sustainability perspective? Commissioner Fukumoto provided the following comments related to Study Issues ranked by the Commission at its November meeting: PACE Program Study Issue – concerned that businesses will not have access to financing options as CA First is only available for home owners; Full Cost Analysis and Carbon Pricing on City Operations – still the right thing to do and not well represented in the CAP; and Early Adoption of Zero-Net-Energy Model Building Policies – State is running behind schedule on the its work on Zero Net Energy Building Code.

Chair Paton commented that he would like to see the Commission serve as convener of multi-agency conversations to advance transit.

-Staff Comments

Melody Tovar reported that reissuance of the City's Stormwater Permit was eminent and that staff will be bringing forward an update on new requirements in the next few months as the process advances.

Elaine Marshall provided information on the recent Leaf Blower Study community meetings. Elaine also informed the Commission about the new 'contact us' link on the City's website that allows community members to submit email inquiries to the Commission and the process that's been set up to respond.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.