

**Excerpt from Draft September 18, 2017 Sustainability Commission Meeting minutes****Public Hearings/General Business****2018 Sustainability Speaker Series Recommendations**

The Ad Hoc Committee (Subcommittee), comprised of Commissioners Wickham and Zornetzer, presented a proposal for the 2018 Sustainability Speaker Series. The proposal focused on six topic areas within the theme of Climate Action. For each theme, the Subcommittee presented its rationale for topic selection and the proposed speakers. Staff noted that they would provide updated numbers for remaining funds from FY 2016-17 that would roll over to FY 2017-2018. Staff also noted that significant staff efforts would be focused on Climate Action Plan (CAP 2.0) development and associated community engagement, which may limit staff ability to support additional events beyond the four approved as part of the Budget Supplement.

The Commission discussed the merits and concerns with the proposed topics and speakers, this included adjusting the Business Climate Action topic to focus more generally on businesses in Sunnyvale that have taken effective climate action by incorporating sustainability not only into their buildings but also into their products. To account for the diversity of opinions, Commissioner Joesten proposed a ranking exercise to help prioritize topics.

Staff consolidated Commissioner rankings and provided the following final ranked list of 2018 topics:

1. Climate Change Solutions
2. Building Design for Sustainability
3. Food Choices and Food Waste
4. Consumerism and the Environment
5. Business Climate Action
6. Home Energy

Chair Paton moved, and Vice Chair Srivastava seconded, a motion to approve the 2018 Sustainability Speaker Series topics as ranked, and to request the Subcommittee to work with staff to prepare a report to Council:

All – Yes