



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final

Sustainability Commission

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the West Conference Room.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Paton led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Bruce Paton
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Adriana Imbre
Commissioner Stephen Joesten
Commissioner Kristel Wickham
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Steven Zornetzer

Commissioner Hafeman arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioners Zornetzer's absence is excused.

Council Liaison – Glenn Hendricks (absent)

PRESENTATION

[18-0199](#) PRESENTATION - Overview of Resilient by Design Bay Area
Challenge: South Bay Towns

Richard Kennedy, Field Operations, presented the plan for the South Bay Towns site in the Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge. The South Bay Towns site spans East Palo Alto to Sunnyvale. The project will examine the vulnerability of this area to sea-level rise and focuses on improving four elements: addressing storm surge and sea-level rise; managing stormwater; improving development areas and corridors; and enhancing connectivity via transit hubs. Field Operations will be

conducting several community engagement meetings the coming months to seek feedback on its proposed design.

[18-0200](#) PRESENTATION - Commissioner Presentation: Emerging Practices in City and Regional Transportation Planning

Chair Paton presented information on the most recent transportation trends, which include integrated perspectives on mobility, shared and autonomous vehicles, Seattle's New Mobility Playbook, and concurrent need for both policy and technology solutions.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[18-0198](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2017

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

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Hafeman
 Commissioner Wickham

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zornetzer

Abstain: 3 - Chair Paton
 Commissioner Imbre
 Commissioner Joesten

Chair Paton and Commissioners Imbre and Joesten abstained as they were not present at the January 16, 2018 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[18-0201](#) Election of Vice Chair

Chair Paton announced that Vice Chair Srivastava had resigned from the Commission effective February 7, 2018 due to added time commitments from his new job. Given his role as the Vice Chair, the Commission would now need to elect a new Vice Chair.

Chair Paton opened nominations for the office of the Vice Chair. Commissioner Joesten moved, and Commissioner Wickham seconded, to nominate Commissioner Hafeman to the office of the Vice Chair. Commissioner Hafeman accepted the nomination. Chair Paton closed nominations for the office of the Vice Chair. The Commission voted as follows:

Yes: 5 - Chair Paton
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Imbre
Commissioner Joesten
Commissioner Wickham

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zornetzer

STANDING ITEM: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP 2.0) UPDATE

Commissioner Wickham shared that the CAP 2.0 Advisory Committee (CAC) had met twice since January. At the January 25, 2018 meeting, the CAC brainstormed various strategies for the CAP 2.0 within the seven key focus areas previously identified by the group. At the February 1, 2018 meeting, the CAC went through the ideation process with the consultant, OpenIDEO. Commissioner Wickham encouraged the Commission to attend the Innovate Climate Action in Sunnyvale Workshop on March 3, 2018. Staff provided guidance that the Commission (and any City Boards/Commissions) may view but may not add, comment on, or share ideas on the CAP 2.0 online platform.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

Melody Tovar, Environmental Services Director (Interim), shared that Council had held its 2018 Study Issues Workshop and three Study Issues from Environmental Services Department (ESD) were approved, including the Study Issue on Encouraging Heat Pump Water and Space Heating (ESD 18-01) proposed by the Sustainability Commission.

Chair Paton moved, Commissioner Joesten seconded, to add a discussion of a transportation-related Study Issue to the March agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Paton
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Imbre
Commissioner Joesten
Commissioner Wickham

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zornetzer

Commissioner Hafeman observed that the Commission had discussed at its January meeting the possibility of creating a Study Issue on autonomous vehicles. Melody Tovar noted that Council had reviewed and CDD 18-04, Create Development Guidelines for Future Accommodation of Autonomous Vehicle Use as a part of the 2018 Study Issues Workshop.

Commissioner Hafeman moved, and Chair Paton seconded, a motion that the Commission examine CDD 18-04 and contrast it with the proposal of the City working with technology companies to implement an autonomous vehicle pilot system. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Paton
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Imbre
Commissioner Joesten
Commissioner Wickham

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zornetzer

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hafeman shared that he had attended a second CAC meeting and noted that there was no opportunity to provide public comments. Nupur Hiremath, Sustainability Coordinator, clarified that all CAC meetings do have an opportunity for public comments at the top of the agenda; however, the remaining items on the agenda are typically not subject to public comment. Commissioner Hafeman also observed that the Washington Park Building where the meeting was held had acoustics that made it difficult to hear. Staff acknowledged that this was true but

noted that finding meeting space with the current ongoing renovations at the Community Center posed challenges to finding the appropriate meeting space.

Commissioner Wickham noted that the first Sustainability Speaker Series event, Drawdown by Chad Frischmann, was very successful. The next event would be held on May 16, 2018 and was entitled Hidden in Plain Bite by Katie Cantrell. Staff confirmed that the third event, The Power of Stuff by Annie Leonard, would be held on September 26, 2018. The Subcommittee for the Speaker Series is working to confirm the panelists for the fourth event on home energy efficiency.

-Staff Comments

Nupur Hiremath, Sustainability Coordinator, shared a clarification on the Peery Park Rides program that there is no time limit on the use of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) grant funds for this project. Ms. Hiremath also clarified that the decorative street lights in the downtown area would also be upgraded to LEDs and that the old bulbs are being recycled by a third-party hauler. Ms. Hiremath also invited the Commission to attend the March 3, 2018 CAP 2.0 workshop and will share information on the CAP 2.0 online challenge platform for Commissioners to share with their contacts.

Ms. Hiremath previewed the items on the Commission's Work Plan for the March meeting, and noted that the CAP 1.0 Biennial Progress Report update would be moved to April instead.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.