



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Sustainability Commission

Monday, June 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and Section 42 of Executive Order N-08-21 (June 11, 2021), issued by Governor Newsom, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

Chair Wickham called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Kristel Wickham
Vice Chair Douglas Kunz
Commissioner Stephen Joesten
Commissioner Shana Padgett
Commissioner Bruce Paton
Commissioner Tonya Veitch
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murali Srinivasan

Council Liaison – Councilmember Fong (present).

Councilmember Fong joined the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Commissioner Srinivasan's absence is excused by general consent.

Chair Wickham, Vice Chair Kunz, all Commissioners, and Council liaison attended via teleconference.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

STUDY SESSION

[21-0645](#)

Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) Update and Draft

Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)

George Schroeder, Senior Planner, and Amber Blizinski, Principal Planner, in the Community and Development Department summarized the changes to the LSAP and the impacts of these changes as noted in the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR). Staff provided an overview of the LSAP boundary expansion, new projects planned and the Sense of Place Plan. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and staff provided answers.

Chair Wickham opened Public Comment.

No public comments were made.

Chair Wickham closed Public Comment.

Commissioners recommended investigating methods for reducing the greenhouse gas emissions impact of the project, such as carbon offsets or low-carbon concrete. Vice Chair Kunz asked staff to show the comparison of housing density around similar CalTrain stations. Commissioner Paton commended staff on integrating transportation, housing and community preservation successfully in the LSAP.

[21-0646](#)

Climate Action Playbook Quarterly Update

Climate Action Playbook available online at:

[Sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=27651)

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Proposed Playbook Game Plan Extension At-A-Glance
available online at:

[Sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=73319.64&BlobID=26529)

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Nupur Hiremath, Environmental Programs Manager, and Madeline Willett, Sustainability Coordinator, presented Climate Action Playbook implementation and planning updates. Staff discussed the adopted budget, key Moves scheduled for implementation in the upcoming fiscal year and a timeline for progress updates and development of the next Game Plan. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and staff provided responses.

Chair Wickham opened Public Comment.

No public comments were made.

Chair Wickham closed Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

[21-0644](#) PRESENTATION - Recognition of Service

Councilmember Fong thanked Commissioner Paton and Commissioner Joesten for their years of service on the Sustainability Commission. He commended them and the Sustainability Commission for their contributions to moving the City's sustainability initiatives forward.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [21-0648](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2021

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

Yes: 5 - Chair Wickham
 Vice Chair Kunz
 Commissioner Joesten
 Commissioner Paton
 Commissioner Veitch

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Srinivasan

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Padgett

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

No new Study Issues were submitted. Staff clarified the process for the Commission and reminded Commissioners to submit Study Issues no later than July 5, 2021, to allow for a review of draft Study Issue Papers by the Commission prior to submission to the Office of the City Manager.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Padgett recommended that Commissioners listen to a John Hopkins School of Public Health podcast called "Public Health on Call," which focuses on waste as a public health issue.

Vice Chair Kunz commended staff for hosting the Sustainability Speaker Series

event “Talkin’ Trash; Myths and Realities of Recycling and Materials Management,” on May 19, 2021, and recommended that Commissioners listen to it. He announced that he will be volunteering as a board member on the Sunnyvale School District’s Citizens Bond and Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. He thanked outgoing Commissioners for their contributions.

Commissioner Paton commended City staff for their work with Leadership Sunnyvale. He commended the City and Commission on the Playbook and shared that he is working on a paper on how to “think like a city” using Sunnyvale as an example.

Chair Wickham shared that she conveyed the Commission’s recommendations on the FY 2021/22 Recommended Budget to the City Council via email and as public comments at the Budget Workshop on May 20, 2021. None of the Commission’s recommendations were incorporated into the Adopted Budget. She also shared that she attended the Cherry Hill neighborhood association block party on June 13, 2021, with fliers from the City regarding sustainability and waste. She announced that the Silicon Valley Leadership Group’s Energy and Sustainability Summit will be held on June 25, 2021, and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

-Staff Comments

Madeline Willett shared that there were 126 attendees at the last Sustainability Speaker Series event, which was one of the highest attendance rates to date. She also noted that the updated Game Plan At-A-Glance showing adjusted schedules extended into FY 2022/23 will be emailed to the Commissioners and posted on the City website.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[21-0647](#) Updated Annual Work Plan June 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.