



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final

Sustainability Commission

Monday, July 20, 2015

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the West Conference Room.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Paton led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chair Bruce Paton
Vice Chair Amit Srivastava
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Gerald Glaser

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Brian Glazebrook
Commissioner Petya Kisyova
Commissioner Dan Hafeman

Commissioner Hafeman's and Kisyova's absences are excused.

Council Liaison - Tara Martin-Milius (absent)

PRESENTATION

[15-0728](#) PRESENTATION - Update on Sunnyvale's Efforts in the Georgetown University Energy Prize Challenge

Elaine Marshall, Environmental Programs Manager, provided a brief update on the Sunnyvale's efforts to raise awareness and promote energy efficiency in an effort to win the Georgetown University Energy Prize. Since the January update, key activities undertaken included among other items: launching the Energize Sunnyvale campaign, establishing the website (Energize.inSunnyvale.com), promoting DIY Home Savings Toolkits, hosting energy efficiency and EnergyUpgrade CA workshops, and working with neighborhood volunteers to develop a strategy for reaching out to the neighborhood associations.

[15-0726](#) COMMISSIONER PRESENTATION - Leading Edge Sustainability Practices

The Commissioners shared information about leading sustainability practices from other communities (GHG targets and accomplishments, VMT goals, Net Positive policies, and transportation practices) and discussed how Sunnyvale may benefit by adopting similar goals. The Commission is interested in inviting Marianna Grossman of Sustainable Silicon Valley to a future meeting to provide a presentation about their Net Positive Bay Area efforts.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[15-0725](#) Draft Minutes of the Sustainability Commission Meeting of June 15, 2015

Commissioner Glaser moved, and Commissioner Fukumoto seconded, a motion to approve the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Paton
Commissioner Fukumoto
Commissioner Glaser

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Glazebrook
Commissioner Kisyova
Commissioner Hafeman

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Srivastava

Vice-Chair Srivastava abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[15-0727](#) Election of Officers

This item was deferred to the August 17, 2015 meeting.

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

Commissioner Glaser shared that he is designing a new house and the architect has brought in a zero energy consultant and it will be interesting to see what the consultant recommends. Commissioner Glaser also shared that the demand for electric buses is tremendous and that work to electrify vehicles is growing exponentially. The industry is having a hard time keeping up.

Chair Paton shared that he and Commissioner Fukumoto attended the recent forum on Sea Level Rise hosted by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and Assemblyman Rich Gordon. A panel that included representatives from private industry, the Water District, County of Santa Clara, and Mountain View shared different views and perspectives about sea level rise impacts and discussed the problems they are most concerned about.

Commissioner Fukumoto noted that a key takeaway for her from the forum is that planning has to start now. Commissioner Fukumoto is interested in inviting the County to an upcoming Commission meeting to share the results of Silicon Valley 2.0.

Commissioner Srivastava noted that he noticed during a recent bike ride along the Bay Trail how many homes are built adjacent to the Bay Trail in vulnerable areas. Commissioner Srivastava also shared that on a recent trip to Paris, he experienced what a bike friendly city is was and was amazed by how easy it was to get around the city by bike.

-Staff Comments

Elaine Marshall, Environmental Programs Manager, informed the Commission that the new Sustainability Coordinator will be starting on July 28, 2015 and that she will begin training the Coordinator and transitioning the role of staffing the Commission over the next few meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.