



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final

Sustainability Commission

Monday, March 16, 2015

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: 7 - Chair Bruce Paton
Vice Chair Amit Srivastava
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Gerald Glaser
Commissioner Brian Glazebrook
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Petya Kisyova

Council Liaison-Gustav Larsson (present)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [15-0338](#) Draft Minutes of the Sustainability Commission Meeting of
March 2, 2015

Commissioner Glaser moved, and Commissioner Glazebrook seconded, a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Paton
Vice Chair Srivastava
Commissioner Glaser
Commissioner Glazebrook
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Kisyova

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Fukumoto

Commissioner Fukumoto abstained as she did not attend the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [15-0336](#) Lawrence Station Area Plan

Andrew Miner, Principal Planner, provided a presentation on the Lawrence Station Area Plan (Plan) and requested feedback and comments from the Commission. There is no specific deadline for comments at this point in time, as the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is just getting started, and staff can receive comments over the next month. The current schedule is to complete the Plan by September/October 2015 and complete the EIR this fall. Staff will return to the Commission with the final drafts of the Plan and EIR. Commissioners discussed the Plan and offered comments and questions regarding the proposed incentive zoning approach in the area; clarification on height restrictions; current tree density and tree density targets in the area; clarification on the possible alignment of the new road identified for the area and strategies for building that out; consideration of LEED Neighborhood Development or EcoDistrict guidelines; residential parking requirements for the area; affordable housing incentives for the area; and how to connect people who will be living here to retail, employment, and other amenities in other parts of the City such as improving bus service to the area.

No action was taken.

3 [15-0129](#) Biological Constraints and Opportunities Analysis for the Sunnyvale Landfill and Baylands Park and Protecting Burrowing Owl Habitat on City Facilities (Study Issue)

Craig Mobeck, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the staff report and answered the Commission's questions related to the study. Commissioner Hafeman attended a public outreach meeting about the issue and recognized that staff had really listened to the public comments. Commissioner Fukumoto inquired, and staff confirmed, that Baylands Park is the third preferred site for Animal Assisted Happiness (AAH) and that under the direction contained in Alternative 1 staff would not engage with AAH unless AAH had exhausted its pursuit of the top

two site opportunities. Commissioner Hafeman commented that Baylands doesn't seem like a good for AAH and that the ideal location is Full Circle Farms which is more centrally located and located closer to schools. Commissioner Hafeman further encouraged the City to approach the school district to support locating AAP at Full Circle Farms.

Commissioner Fukumoto moved, and Commissioner Hafeman seconded, a motion that the Commission recommend that the City Council approve Alternative 2: Direct staff to submit a proposed project in the Capital Program for constructing low impact park enhancements and planting native perennials in various locations at the Landfill including installing additional artificial burrows at both the Landfill and Baylands preserve and providing other habitat enhancements for owls at the Landfill; and Alternative 3: Direct staff to incorporate into the operating budget additional costs, estimated to be \$10,000 for Baylands and \$25,000 for the Landfill, related to enhancement and management of habitat. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Paton
Vice Chair Srivastava
Commissioner Fukumoto
Commissioner Glazebrook
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Kisyova

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Glaser

The Commission believes that adding an active use to Baylands Park, such as AAH, is not aligned with Baylands Park and that the open space area should be preserved. Therefore, the Commission did not take action on Alternative 1.

4 [15-0337](#) Discussion of the Commission's Strategic Direction

Commissioners continued the discussion about setting priority themes to guide the Commission's work plan for the year. The Commission agreed that the Key Themes for the year are: CAP Implementation, Transportation, Water Conservation, and Energy (Building Code and Development). The Chair and Vice-Chair will work with staff to develop the proposed schedule for these priority topic areas.

The Commission also agreed that in considering these priority topic areas, the Commission should identify: links to other Commissions; impacts on different

stakeholders (businesses, residents, etc); and what role the Commission should be playing in getting information on the topic area out to the community.

No action was taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Glaser commented that the packet for this meeting (283 pages, plus web links) was too much and that the topics and recommendations in Agenda Item 3 were confusing.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that California First PACE Program is available to Sunnyvale residents and businesses and that she is concerned that staff is focused only on residential outreach.

Commissioner Kisyova shared information about the Water Conservation Showcase that will be held in San Francisco on March 28, 2015.

Vice-Chair Srivastava shared that for Arbor Day 40 trees were planted, and there was good support from City staff and volunteers from Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates.

-Staff Comments

Elaine Marshall, Environmental Programs Manager, shared that a Special Meeting would have to be scheduled for the Commission on May 4, 2015 in order for the Commission to consider the staff report on Community Choice Energy.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paton adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.