



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final

Sustainability Commission

Monday, June 15, 2020

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liaison Melton (present)

Mayor Larry Klein (present)

Commissioner Zornetzer's absence is excused by general consent.

Chair Paton, Vice Chair Wickham, all Commissioners, and Councilmembers attended via teleconference.

PRESENTATION

[20-0613](#) PRESENTATION - Recognition of Service

Mayor Larry Klein thanked Commissioner Zornetzer and Vice Chair Wickham for their service on the Sustainability Commission. He commended them and the Sustainability Commission for their contributions to moving the City's sustainability initiatives forward.

Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services, also expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their contributions to the City's Climate Action Playbook.

[20-0330](#) PRESENTATION - Update on Water Supply and Conservation

Mansour Nasser, Water and Sewer Division Manager, presented on the City's water supply and conservation efforts. Mr. Nasser shared that the City remains well below the state mandated water conservation goals and that water supplies are expected to be at capacity for this water year due to adequate rainfall and snowfall. The Commission asked clarification questions and staff provided responses.

[20-0463](#) PRESENTATION - Water Pollution Control Plant and Clean Water Program Update

Stephen Hogg, the Water Pollution Control Plant Division Manager, presented on the City's wastewater operations and the Cleanwater Program to rebuild the Plant. Mr. Hogg gave an overview of the wastewater treatment process and the status of upgrades to the Plant as part of the Cleanwater Program. The Commission asked clarification questions and staff provided responses.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [20-0614](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2020

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

Yes: 6 - Chair Paton
 Vice Chair Wickham
 Commissioner Joesten
 Commissioner Kunz
 Commissioner Padgett
 Commissioner Srinivasan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zornetzer

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

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

Commissioner Kunz thanked staff for their assistance in hosting the Sustainable Speaker Series event on May 27, 2020. He also shared that the State Parent Teacher Association (PTA) approved the Cumberland Elementary School PTA's resolution to support schools phasing out greenhouse gas emissions.

Vice Chair Wickham inquired regarding the plan for the 2020-2021 Speaker Series. Staff explained that Council approved Series topics earlier this year and that events in 2020-2021 will likely be virtual. Vice Chair Wickham also requested staff to add an agenda item to the July meeting to appoint a new Commissioner to the Speaker Series Subcommittee, since Commissioner Zornetzer's seat will now be vacant.

Chair Paton observed that the Commission would be voting to select a Chair and Vice Chair at the July meeting. He noted that he would not like to be considered for the role of Chair in the upcoming year.

-Staff Comments

Nupur Hiremath, Environmental Programs Manager, highlighted some feedback received from the Speaker Series event attendees, which was largely positive. She also shared that staff is continuing to work on pivoting community engagement events to virtual platforms where possible, and considering how some events can be conducted safely in-person with appropriate distancing.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[20-0615](#) 2020 Annual Work Plan

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.