



SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – July 18, 2011

The Sustainability Commission met in the West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave., at 7:00 p.m. with Sustainability Commission Chair, Sue Harrison presiding.

Commissioner Sue Harrison, Sustainability Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gerry Glaser
Joe Green-Heffern
Sue Harrison
Dan Hafeman
Barbara Fukumoto
Amit Srivastava

Members Absent: Regina Wheeler (Excused)

Staff Present: Lorrie Gervin, Environmental Division Manager
Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A) **ACTION:** Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of May 16, 2011.

Commissioner Glaser moved to approve the draft minutes and Commissioner Green-Heffern seconded the motion.

VOTE 6 – 0 (Commissioner Wheeler Absent)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Karney, representing Mountain View Reads Together, spoke to the Commission and invited the City of Sunnyvale to participate in this month's Mountain View Reads Together program. Mountain View Reads Together is a program that encourages an entire community to read the same book and/or participate in activities related to that book. The program offers, for one month, a series of activities related to the book and ideas with the objective of providing **fun, opportunities, and a sense of community using a theme of one book and its ideas. The book**

being reviewed this month is entitled “earth- Making a Life on a Tough New Planet”, by Bill McKibben.

Commissioner Fukumoto provided three public announcements. First, Sustainable Silicon Valley (www.sustainablesv.org) will be presenting their Sustainability 101 Seminar Series topic “Evolution of Sustainability: Corporate and Community Programs for Sustainability” Thursday, July 21 at Bannan Hall at Santa Clara University. Second, Full Circle Farm will be holding their Local Garden Share event from 11 a.m. – noon, July 24th, at the Farm. Third, the movie “Plan B- Mobilizing to Save Civilization” will be shown at 1 Hart Center, 13005 La Cresta Dr., Los Altos Hills from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m..

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1) ACTION: Study Issue Sponsorship

Commissioner Glaser raised one topic for discussion as a study issue.

- Development of a sustainability projects reinvestment fund

Commissioner Fukumoto raised one topic for discussion as a study issue.

- Updating operational sustainability metrics and greenhouse gas emissions reductions measures

Commissioner Srivastava raised one topic for discussion as a study issues.

- Sustainability metrics tools that influence personal behavior

Commissioner Harrison raised one topic for discussion as a study issue.

- Strategic and adaptation planning related to SFBCDC’s Bay Plan Amendment

No action was taken.

2) ACTION: Selection of Sustainability Commission Chair/Vice Chair

Commissioner Fukumoto nominated Commissioner Harrison for the position of Chair.

VOTE: 6 – 0 (Commissioner Wheeler Absent)

Commissioner Harrison was confirmed as Sustainability Commission Chair.

Commissioner Glaser nominated Commissioner Wheeler for the position of Vice Chair.

VOTE: 6 – 0 (Commissioner Wheeler Absent)

Commissioner Wheeler was confirmed as Sustainability Commission Vice Chair.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners requested that a special meeting be scheduled to complete the study issue sponsorship process. A special meeting will be held August 15, 2011, in the West Conference Room, beginning at 7:00 p.m..

Commissioner Glaser commented that he would like to see the study issue CDD 11-01 Requiring Electric Car Chargers in New Residential Developments extended to multi-residential units including apartment parking lots so that those residents have the opportunity to purchase electric vehicles.

Commissioner Green-Heffern commented that he would like the Sustainability Commission to be involved in the City's Environmental Awards decision making process. Commissioner Srivastava commented that the Sustainability Commission may be appropriate to act as judges for the environmental award.

Staff Oral Comments

Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Clark- Provided the Commission with information regarding the City's water conservation efforts. The City is again hosting the BAWSCA Landscape Series this fall. The program has expanded to include two hands-on workshops that will see a model California native/drought tolerant landscape planted in front of City Hall by class participants. The landscape will provide a model for residents and further the City's goal to expand drought tolerant and California native plants at appropriate City sites, engage residents in water conservation activities and provide social, environmental and economic benefits to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator