



## MINUTES

### SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION January 22, 2013

The Sustainability Commission met in special session in the West Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Harrison presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Commission Members Present:**

Commission Chair Sue Harrison  
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto  
Commissioner Andy Frazer  
Commissioner Gerry Glaser  
Commissioner Dan Hafeman  
Commissioner Joe Green-Heffern

##### **Commission Members Absent:**

Commission Vice Chair Amit Srivastava (excused)

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Pat Meyering (present)

**Staff Present:** John Stufflebean, Environmental Services Director  
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Division Manager  
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator, Staff Liaison

**Guest:** Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius

#### **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

Environmental Services Director Stufflebean provided the Commission a presentation on the recycled water system in Sunnyvale and future planning efforts for expanding the recycled water system envisioned in the Recycled Water System Master Plan. The presentation was the same that was provided to the Recycled Water Joint Committee between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the City of Sunnyvale, which includes Councilmembers Griffith and Martin-Milius.

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no announcements.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A. Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of December 17, 2012.

**Commissioner Fukumoto moved and Commissioner Glaser seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2012 with a minor revision in Commissioner comments.**

**VOTE: 4-0 (Vote was unanimous. Commissioners Harrison and Green-Heffern abstained, Commissioner Srivastava absent)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no announcements.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

None

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

#### **Commissioner Oral Comments**

Commissioner Frazer commented to the Commission regarding a recent program on KQED about fracking.

Commissioner Glaser commented that the CCA Subcommittee is compiling slides for a CCA presentation. The subcommittee has compiled slides that can be organized and tailored for different audiences including Council, citizens or staff.

Commissioner Glaser commented that on February 29 there will be a webinar on PACE energy programs.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that she attended a presentation on an Introduction to Budget Based Water Rates.

Commissioner Hafeman commented that if budget based water rates were implemented in Sunnyvale that it would be important that policy makers consider the impact on backyard gardening. Budget based water rates could have a negative impact on backyard gardening because of the water requirements to grow food if such water uses are not taken into account up front.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that she participated in the Department of Energy's Sunshot webinar on Community Choice Aggregation.

Chair Harrison commented that she has been taking classes on the Congress of the New Urbanism, which addresses optimum mixed use and the benefits derived from the efficiency created by mixed use.

Commissioner Hafeman commented that he attended the Lawrence Station Review meeting.

Chair Harrison commented that based on the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) report people are more likely to take a train and walk to work if their work is within a tight radius (quarter mile) from the train station.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that Sunnyvale Cool will be hosting a meeting on February 7 on the Lawrence Station Plan at the Sunnyvale Heritage Museum. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that Sunnyvale Cool be hosting the presentation, "Neighborhoods for Every Generation," at 7:00 p.m. on January 24 at the Sunnyvale Heritage Museum. Dan Zack, Downtown Development Coordinator for Redwood City, will discuss trends in the development of US cities, demographic changes currently underway and ways of retrofitting our suburbs to meet the needs and desires of our changing communities.

Commissioner Green-Heffern commented that the Santa Clara Valley Water District will be conducting a meeting on January 24 that will address multiple topics, including trails and sea level rise.

Commissioner Fukumoto requested that the next agenda include an item to refer key reports, including the National Climate Assessment and the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication report, "Public Support for Climate and Energy Policies in September 2012," to Council.

#### Staff Comments

Sustainability Coordinator Clark provided the Commission input on the issue raised by Commissioner Fukumoto regarding including sustainability community condition indicators (CCI) in the annual CCI report that goes to Council.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Reviewed by: John Stuffbean, Director of Environmental Services  
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager