



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION August 19, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Commission Chair Sue Harrison
Commission Vice Chair Amit Srivastava (7:23)
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Bruce Paton
Commissioner Gerry Glaser
Commissioner Dan Hafeman

Council Liaison: Councilmember David Whittum (Present)

Staff Present: Tim Kirby, Interim Assistant Director of Finance
Stephen Napier, Interim Administrative Services Manager
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

Interim Assistant Director of Finance, Tim Kirby, spoke to the Commission regarding a pilot project the City will be conducting with a new technology from Badger Meter. The pilot will deploy a new meter reading technology to 500 residential customers. The new meter reading technology, called a barnacle, can be read via the wireless cell phone network. The meters are capable of tracking water use in real time. An online platform will allow residents to log in and see their water use. The technology was previously deployed in large City parks and helped identify leaks. Participating residents will receive different forms of outreach and analysis will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the different forms of outreach on water use behavior.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of the draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of June 17, 2013.

Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Srivastava seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 17, 2013.

VOTE: 4-0-2 (Motion carries; Commissioner Fukumoto and Paton abstained)

1.B. Approval of the draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of July 15, 2013.

Commissioner Hafeman moved and Commissioner Paton seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 15, 2013.

VOTE: 5-0-1 (Motion carries; Commissioner Harrison abstained)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BPAC Commissioner Kevin Jackson spoke to the Sustainability Commission about the possibility of the both Commissions co-sponsoring a study issue regarding car sharing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposal of Study Issues
 - a. Preserving Sunnyvale's Urban Forest

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Harrison made a motion for a study issue that looks at how the City can get more trees planted, including entering into a partnership with Our City Forest. Commissioner Glaser seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote was unanimous)

- b. Commercial PACE Program

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Fukumoto made a motion for a study issue to investigate funding methods for commercial property sustainability improvements that provides for repayment affixed to the property. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote was unanimous)

c. Full Cost Analysis in City Operations

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser made a motion for a study issue that would identify how decisions would be evaluated and what the City can do to determine, in monetary terms, the relative environmental impacts and comprehensive, true lifecycle costs of decisions made by the City. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0-2 (Motion carries, Commissioners Srivastava and Hafeman abstained)

d. Reduction of Street Lighting on Mathilda Overpass and Downtown Sunnyvale

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hafeman made a motion for a study issue to study the impact of turning off half of the lights on the Mathilda Overpass, Sunnyvale Avenue, and elsewhere in the downtown area with excessive lighting. Commissioner Srivastava seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0-3 (Motion carries, Commissioners Fukumoto, Paton and Glaser abstained)

Commissioner Paton made a motion for a study issue to study the impact of reducing excessive lighting on the Mathilda Overpass, Sunnyvale Avenue, and elsewhere in the downtown area so that it gives the right message to the community. Commissioner Glaser seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote was unanimous)

2. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation to Council Regarding 2013 Climate Protection Act

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser made a motion to recommend the City of Sunnyvale send a letter of support to Senators Boxer, Feinstein, and Sanders for passage of the Climate Protection Act of 2013. Commissioner Srivastava seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote was unanimous)

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser nominated Commissioner Harrison to continue of as Commission Chair.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote was unanimous)

Commissioner Harrison nominated Commissioner Srivastava to continue of as Commission Vice Chair.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote was unanimous)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Oral Comments

Commissioner Fukumoto reported attending the Lawrence Station Area Plan Citizen's Advisory Group meeting.

Commissioner Fukumoto reported attended a workshop hosted by LEAN Energy and SFCleanPower on Community Choice Aggregation.

Commissioner Fukumoto reported that Sunnyvale Cool will be hosting a discussion on Caltrain Electrification with Friends of Caltrain and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group at 7:00 p.m. on September 12th at the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum.

Commissioner Glaser reported being invited to speak about Community Choice Aggregation to the Los Altos Hills Environmental Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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