



AGENDA

LA MESA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Total Time – 15 Minutes)
Members of the public may address the Commission on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the Commission until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 21, 2019
5. CITY STAFF UPDATES
6. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)
7. GREEN/FOOD WASTE RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE
8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE - Monday, December 16, 2019

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
6:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

DRAFT MINUTES
October 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Andrea Beth Damsky, Vice-Chair	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Trey McDonald	X
Ricky Williams	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	X
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X (arrived 6:05)
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	Excused absence
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	X
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jeremy Hutman, Ameresco

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 16, 2019
Action: Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote: 7-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams, Lonjaret
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

5. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
Andrea Beth Damsky and Stephen Grooms made statements regarding their interest in the position of Chair. A secret ballot was taken and Andrea Beth was nominated.

Action:	Motion to approve Andrea Beth Damsky as Chair
Vote:	7-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams, Lonjaret
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	

Action: Motion to approve Ricky Williams as Vice-Chair
Vote: 7-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams, Lonjaret
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

6. CITY STAFF UPDATES

Lyn Dedmon provided an update on the MacArthur Park community garden including a site map.

Jenny Lybeck announced that Park Appreciation Day would be November 9 at Harry Griffen Park where 200 trees would be planted and volunteers are needed.

7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Andrea Beth Damsky)

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and regional program participation

Jenny Lybeck provided an update and stated that the City Council had moved forward and joined the regional JPA.

8. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)

Potential updates to the work plan were discussed and Ricky Williams would report back with recommended new subcommittees based on the Climate Action Plan implementation areas. Scott Munzenmaier will provide work plan examples from other boards or commissions.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Andrea Beth Damsky thanked the Commission for selecting her as Chair. She is also still part of the Citizen's Water Academy and can nominate others to take part if anyone was interested.

Ricky Williams thanked the Commission for being selected as Vice-Chair.

Joe Garuba announced that Helix Water had transitioned to renewable diesel with success, was expecting ARB pollution control grants, was taking part in a GHG water-energy registry, was revitalizing the landscaping at their administrative offices, and that SANDAG was reshaping the region and the Commission should pay attention.

Joe Britton announced that the CPUC was holding a workshop on Tuesday for electrifying construction equipment.

Jim Stone thanked the Commission for being a strong and accomplished group.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Prepared by:

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Draft Work Plan
2020**

Goals should be consistent with the City’s goals:

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents

Staffing Department: Public Works Department – Environmental Services Division

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Continue a subcommittee that will advise and assist the City with implementation of the Climate Action Plan.	Ongoing	Receive quarterly updates on progress	In progress
2. Review and advise on current City policies and ordinances and make recommendations for improvements to promote sustainability as needed.	Ongoing	Identify items as needed	In progress
3. Continue a subcommittee to advance community gardens by providing best practice examples and encouraging the city to develop a process for implementation.	Ongoing	1) Recommend updates to zoning ordinances 2) Report on possible school partnerships 3) Assist, facilitate and advise on any projects that may be implemented	In progress
4. Continue a subcommittee to explore issues regarding green/food waste recovery.	Ongoing	1) Host informational presentation 2) Progress updates	In progress

2020 Work Plan Draft Framework

Goal 1: Advise and assist City staff in the implementation of the Climate Action Plan

Sub-Goal 1.1: Identify at least two CAP measures and actions for which the Environmental Sustainability Commissions can provide assistance to City staff on implementation during the following year.

Sub-Goal 1.2: Provide as-needed review on CAP implementation actions as directed by City staff.

Sub-Goal 1.3: Provide and solicit ideas on measures that could be included in future CAP updates.

Goal 2: Research and present to the City sustainable practices and projects.

Sub-Goal 2.1: Identify and assist in implementation of additional projects that can provide financial savings to the City and can serve as examples to residents and local businesses.

Sub-Goal 2.2: Consult with similar commissions at other jurisdictions in the region to identify best practices in environmental sustainability.

Goal 3: Provide educational opportunities for residents and businesses in La Mesa related to environmental sustainability and Climate Action Plan implementation.

Sub-Goal 3.1: Assist City staff at public outreach events promoting the CAP or sustainability topic.

Sub-Goal 3.2: Host educational events that are available to the public that promote or provide insight on environmental sustainability topics.