

**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**

MINUTES
July 15, 2019

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

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Maria Hesse	X (Arrived 6:03)
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Trey McDonald	X
Ricky Williams	X
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
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; Howard Choy, EES Consulting

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa and Angela Deegan, San Diego 350; Doug Curlee, La Mesa Courier; Az Burye, retired; Hector Valtierra, Cuyamaca College-Biology

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Deegan asked about progress on Community Gardens.

Jean Costa asked if the City has come out against off-shore drilling. She also stated that other cities are doing more with their Climate Action Plans. Lastly she asked if there was any way for the City to do cigarette butt outreach.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2019

Action: Motion to approve minutes
Vote: 5-0-2
Ayes: Stone, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons
Noes: None
Abstained: McDonald, Williams
Absent:

5. WELCOME OF NEW COMMISSIONERS, RICHARD K. MCDONALD, III AND RICHARD WILLIAMS

Trey McDonald and Ricky Williams were welcomed to the Commission and asked to briefly introduce themselves.

6. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

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

7. CITY STAFF UPDATE

None

8. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

A presentation was made by Howard Choy of EES Consulting on the findings from the feasibility study analysis. Questions were asked by the Commission and public and answered by Howard, Jenny Lybeck and Joe Britton. Jenny will email the presentation to the Commission. The Commission discussed issuing the statement, "We encourage the City to accept the report and encourage staff to continue pursuing the establishment of a CCA."

Action: Motion to approve the statement
Vote: 7-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

9. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

Maria Hesse provided a draft letter recommending that the City Council consider developing comprehensive policy for chemical usage and land management that qualifies under sustainable land management practices in order to achieve the recommended goals as specified in the Climate Action Plan adopted March 2018.

Action: Motion to approve the letter
Vote: 7-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jim Stone recognized that this was Maria Hesse's last meeting and that she would be missed and expressed the Commission's thanks.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked that the CAP subcommittee be reformed with new Commissioners at the next meeting. She also stated that she was reappointed by the City Council and was happy to be there.

Ashely Simmons also announced that she was reappointed and happy to be continuing.

Ricky Williams was happy to be appointed and be there.

Trey McDonald was also glad to be there and looking forward to the opportunities to contribute.

Joe Garuba announced that Helix Water was receiving a shipment of renewable diesel fuel. He also stated that the Helix Water Talks would be the following Thursday at 6:30pm.

Maria Hesse thanked everyone for her five years on the Commission and provided copies of the new Edible San Diego magazine.

Stephen Grooms stated that there should be a path taking the community gardens topic to the City Council.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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