

**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  
August 19, 2019

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

Jim Stone, Chair	Excused absence
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
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	Excused absence
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	Excused absence
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

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

Public: Mark Gracyk and Brian Olney, Helix Water District; Jean Costa, San Diego 350.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean Costa asked if there was any way to do public education on trash prevention in La Mesa. Lyn Dedmon and Scott Munzenmaier answered that it could be a combination of police enforcement of litter laws and code compliance and stormwater pollution prevention for trash on private property.

Mark Gracyk introduced Brian Olney from the Helix Water District and stated that he was interested in Community Choice Aggregation. He also announced that the district has an upcoming rate adjustment that's favorable to rate payers. Lastly he mentioned that there is a \$100 rebate for water leak detection devices and information was on their website.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2019

Action:	Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote:	6-0-0
Ayes:	Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams, Lonjaret
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	Stone

5. WELCOME OF NEW COMMISSIONER JEAN-GUILLAUME LONJARET

New Commissioner Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret introduced himself and was welcomed by the Commission.

6. CITY STAFF UPDATE

Jenny Lybeck stated that the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) feasibility study results were presented to the City Council on August 13 as well as an invitation from the City of San Diego to join a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) being formed to provide a regional CCA. The City Council

voted to join the JPA and an ordinance is being drafted to formalize the process in time to begin serving customers in 2021.

Scott Munzenmaier read an update from Community Services Director Sue Richardson on the MacArthur Park Garden Committee's August 12 meeting. Efforts are continuing to secure the location and funding needed.

7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Andrea Beth Damsky stated that the CAP subcommittee's previous members are no longer on the Commission and asked for volunteers to serve. Trey McDonald, Ricky Williams and Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret all offered to participate.

Action: Motion to appoint McDonald, Williams and Lonjaret to the subcommittee  
Vote: 6-0-0  
Ayes: Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams, Lonjaret  
Noes: None  
Abstained:  
Absent: Stone

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Stephen Grooms asked if individuals can request zoning changes to allow community gardens and Lyn Dedmon stated that the Community Development Department was considering adding them in a future zoning update.

Trey McDonald asked about the procedure to request agenda items and Scott Munzenmaier stated that they can be sent to him, the Chair or the Vice-Chair for consideration. He also asked if attending an event in his professional capacity would conflict with the Brown Act if a quorum of Commissioners was in attendance.

Ricky Williams asked for clarification on the CAP subcommittee goals related to providing updates to the City Council and Jenny Lybeck said that she would go over everything with the subcommittee.

Ashley Simmons stated that Helix Charter High School was welcoming the public to their Excellence in Education tours starting September 20.

Maggie Eggers mentioned that the food waste recovery was still pending and Stephen Grooms stated that the subcommittee needed to work on it. Jenny Lybeck said that the City is working with SDSU and others on zero waste.

Andrea Beth Damsky announced that she planned to attend the Climate Action Campaign's Annual Community Choice Energy Forum on October 4 and asked if any other Commissioners planned to. She also asked if all Commission subcommittee rosters could be provided as part of next month's meeting agenda.

Jenny Lybeck announced that the City was hosting a tree education workshop on Saturday.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019.

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

Prepared by:

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