

**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 20, 2018

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

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Stephen Guiland, Vice Chair	X
Robin Rivet	X
Maria Hesse	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Vacant (Youth)	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	(excused absence)
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	
David Chong (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	
Vacant (SDG&E)	

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

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa and Angela Deegan of San Diego 350; Linda Morse and JoAnn Cando of La Mesa Beautiful; Greg Thayer; Jasper Min, Seth Siglock, Allyson Bernal, and Brijaye Brackett of Daeg'ayon.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Gracyk stated that on Wednesday, September 12 there will be a ribbon cutting for an electric vehicle charging station at the Helix Water operations facility in El Cajon. Angela Deegan announced that on Saturday, September 8 the national/international Rise for Climate Change will have a march at 10:00 a.m. from San Diego City Hall to the Embarcadero.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2018

Action:	Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote:	6-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Guiland, Rivet, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky
Noes:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	

5. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Stephen Guiland stated that the subcommittee did not meet this month but is scheduled to meet on September 5. Jenny Lybeck informed the group that a team of City departments will meet in the coming weeks and the adopted implementation plan is expected to go to the City Council within a year. She also stated that SANDAG will do a 2016 GHG inventory by the end of this year. Allyson Kinnard spoke about the Mixed-Use Overlay Zone and affordable housing incentives. Stephen asked that suggestions from the Commission be forwarded to him for subcommittee meetings and Scott will collect the comments.

6. COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE

Andrea Beth will ask Hannah Gbeh of the Farm Bureau and the Jamul Planning Group to attend the October meeting to provide insight into this topic. Linda Morse offered for La Mesa Beautiful to participate in starting the garden at MacArthur Park. No zones within La Mesa include community gardens as an allowed use; however MacArthur Park is not zoned so the use is not prohibited. The Commission stated that they support the community garden at MacArthur Park as well as developing public interest towards new zoning to allow them on private property. Robin suggested that Andrea Beth speak to Councilmember Baber about the City's previous efforts to have a garden on Maryland Avenue. Jim will also communicate with Councilmember Parent about future efforts.

7. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

Maria stated that a recent court decision awarded damages from chemical manufacturer Monsanto to a worker exposed to glyphosate. Her discussions with Randy Goodell of the Parks Maintenance Division indicated that the City uses 35 gallons of diluted concentrate and that he planned to reduce that rate. Robin responded that the lawsuit was an extreme case and that regulations and requirements exist to prevent that level of exposure.

8. LA MESA COMMUNITY TREES (URBAN FORESTRY)

Robin is working on the recommendation document for the City Council. She attended the Festival of Fruit in San Jose and visited a large community garden in Emma Prusch Farm Park.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Andrea Beth has now been a Commissioner for one year.  
Stephen Grooms thanked the public for attending.  
Robin was pleased to see the public involved.

10. CITY STAFF UPDATE

Jenny stated that the Regional Green Business Network is looking for opportunities to present to business groups.  
Scott announced the resignation of Commissioner Uyen Tran and that recruitment would begin for a replacement.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 :28 p.m.

Prepared by:

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