

**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
September 17, 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	(Excused absence)
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Vacant (Youth)	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	(Excused absence)
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
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

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa, Wendy Mihalic and David Harris, San Diego 350; Desiree Pedroza, EDCO.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Gracyk thanked Jenny Lybeck for attending Helix Water's electric vehicle charging station ribbon cutting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2018

Action:	Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote:	5-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Guiland, Rivet, Grooms, Damsky
Noes:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Hesse

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE

Jenny stated that an RFP will be released soon by the City of Chula Vista in coordination with La Mesa for a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) feasibility study. She also mentioned that Councilmember Alessio spoke on a CCA panel recently.

Lyn Dedmon stated that the City would be talking to other agencies about rental scooter regulations following the discussion at the City Council meeting last week.

6. LA MESA BEAUTIFUL'S SPIRIT AWARDS – October 7, 2018

La Mesa Beautiful has invited the Commission to have an information table at their upcoming Spirit Awards. Andrea Beth Damsky, Stephen Guiland and Stephen Grooms will be on hand and the City will provide brochures and other items.

7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Jenny stated that the Climate Action Plan (CAP) subcommittee met to discuss the framework and Stephen Guiland indicated that they are working to monitor and report. David Harris said that he spoke to Howard Lee in Community Development about transit-oriented development. Jim Stone asked about if comments submitted by Commissioners were taken into consideration and Jenny stated that they did not discuss them at the last meeting but will in the future.

8. COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE

Andrea Beth reached out to Councilmember Baber regarding the past Maryland Avenue site attempt but has not heard back. Robin Rivet asked how the City spent time and money investigating the location if it was on private land and Lyn will check on the history. Hannah Gbeh of the Farm Bureau will attend the next meeting. Andrea Beth is trading messages with Walt Oliwa of the Lemon Grove community Garden. Jim reached out to Councilmember Parent regarding general support but has not heard back.

9. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

No discussion

10. LA MESA COMMUNITY TREES (URBAN FORESTRY)

Robin announced that an upcoming meeting on October 3rd of the San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council will discuss climate change and Jenny stated that she was planning to attend. Jenny will provide the email to Scott for forwarding to the Commission. Robin also contacted the State of California regarding better integration of urban forests.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Joe Garuba stated that Helix Water just extended their contract for 100% renewable energy.

Andrea Beth is excited about the CCA opportunity.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Prepared by:

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