

**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
TELECONFERENCE MEETING WEBINAR**

MINUTES
February 15, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:02 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Andrea Beth Damsky, Chair	X
Ricky Williams, Vice-Chair	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Trey McDonald	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	X
Mike Bourton	X
Eugenie Budnik (Youth Rep)	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	
Vacant (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Hilary Ego, Environmental Program Manager

Public present: Debbie McDaniel-Lindsey, Diana Larsen, Lois Knowlton, Wendy Mhalic, Zoe Kuhlken, Leana Cortez, Judith Pineda, John Bottorff, Debbie Kinsinger, Suzanne Hume, Ester Brasmar, Darren Morlow

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments submitted or stated.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2021

Andrea Beth Damsky asked a question about clarifying the motion regarding Item 6 – Climate Emergency Declaration Resolution.

Lyn Dedmon stated that he would edit the motion to... “to proceed with having Commissioners provide to staff edits and comments via email and for staff to collect, summarize, and provide the edits and comments to the Council Subcommittee and the Environmental Sustainability Commission.”

Approval of minutes from the February 15, 2021 meeting.

Action:	Motion to approve minutes by Ricky Williams; second by Trey McDonald
Vote:	6-0
Ayes:	Bourton, McDonald, Damsky, Grooms, Lonjaret, Williams
Noes:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

5. CITY STAFF UPDATES

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the Commission's desire to attend the grand opening of the Community Garden and the Brown Act rules that the Commission is recommended to follow.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked a question whether there's any value in the Commission having a booth or a table at the grand opening so attendees can ask questions.

Lyn Dedmon stated that he would talk to the Community Services Director and see if that's a possibility.

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the recommendation to Council by Andrea Beth Damsky at the February 9th Council meeting to add a non-voting member from San Diego Community Power ("SDCP") to the Commission.

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the City's recent work on the updated Strategic Plan and Targets for Action.

Hilary Ego gave an update on the residential organics rollout with EDCO, the Urban Forest Management Plan ("UFMP"), the electric vehicle charging stations at MacArthur Park, and the SDCP rollout. Hilary also gave an update on the two new interns that she hired and the projects they are working on.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked if the URMP working group was meeting again.

Hilary Ego stated that the working group will be meeting one more time.

6. PRESENTATION BY CLEAN EARTH 4KIDS

Clean Earth 4Kids gave a presentation about pesticide use and the need for an Integrated Pest Management Plan ("IPM").

Andrea Beth Damsky asked whether the six steps are outlined on the Cleanearth4kids.org website.

Suzanne Hume stated that they are on the website.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked about the items of legislation mentioned in the presentation and whether they have already been passed.

Suzanne Hume stated that the legislation mentioned in the presentation is in process and not yet passed.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked whether the ask from Clean Earth 4 Kids includes a recommendation for an idling policy.

Suzanne Hume stated that they would like to include it and that there are grants available through the Clean Air Resources Board ("CARB"). She also stated that the timing is good considering the City's recent work on the Climate Emergency Declaration Ordinance.

Stephen Grooms stated that the website is great and stated his support for this effort. Stephen also thanked Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret for asking Clean Earth 4Kids to present.

Trey McDonald asked for clarification on what the specific ask is from Clean Earth 4Kids regarding the idling policy.

Suzanne Hume stated that the ask is for no idling signs be placed in front of schools and at City parks.

Trey McDonald asked whether the City has a no idling policy for its fleet.

Hilary Ego stated that a no idling policy was being worked on by Jenny Lybeck and that she is picking up the effort to finish it. Hilary stated that it can be added to the 2021 CAP Implementation Plan and 2023 CAP update.

Trey McDonald asked Clean Earth 4Kids to participate on the CAP Subcommittee. Trey also thanked Clean Earth 4Kids for giving the presentation.

Lyn Dedmon stated that when Clean Earth 4Kids comes back to present to the Commission to please include information about how other cities adopted their IPM's. Lyn also thanked the group for presenting.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION (Hilary Ego, Lyn Dedmon)

Hilary Ego gave an update on the Climate Emergency Resolution. Hilary stated that the resolution is scheduled for the February 23rd Council meeting.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked whether there was any feedback on what was included in the resolution.

Hilary Ego stated that the feedback was well received and that there were items that were included and there were items that were not included.

Trey McDonald asked whether the Commission will be able to see a draft of the resolution before it goes to Council.

Hilary Ego stated that the earliest the Commission will be able to see the resolution is when the Council agenda comes out.

8. UPCOMING CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REPORTS & UPDATES (Hilary Ego)

Hilary Ego presented a timeline of sustainability events coming up that the Commission should be aware of. Hilary stated that those items include the 2020 CAP Annual Update and the FY21-23 CAP Implementation Plan. Hilary also provided a timeline for the 2023 CAP Update.

9. CAP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE (Trey McDonald, Ricky Williams)

Trey McDonald gave an update on the CAP Subcommittee's progress on the decarbonization ordinance. Trey stated that the subcommittee will be meeting every two weeks instead of every four weeks to move this item forward.

Ricky Williams stated that the subcommittee is in a good place right now and that this effort has been a learning experience for its members.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ricky Williams stated that he wished to thank Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret for having Clean Earth 4Kids present at tonight's meeting and that it provided a lot of useful information that can be considered in the CAP Implementation Plan.

Trey McDonald stated that he would like to also thank Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret for asking Clean Earth 4Kids to present and that this group can be a good resource for the Commission and a good candidate pool for future youth representation.

Stephen Grooms stated that he agrees with Ricky and Trey and that he encourages members to visit the Clean Earth 4Kids website.

Andrea Beth Damsky also thanked Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret for the presentation. Andrea Beth also stated that she attended a presentation by the Trumann National Security Project that included discussion on threats to our region like climate change. Andrea Beth stated that it brought home the importance of the work this Commission and the City is doing.

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret stated that he was aware of the three vehicles the La Mesa Police Department was asking to purchase at the last Council meeting and that he thought staff could benefit from the City of San Diego's experience in this area as well as Commissioner's like Michael Bourton who have extensive experience with EV vehicles and infrastructure.

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret stated that he thought that Helix Water was coming to the City soon to renegotiate its contract with the City and that the rate structure is such that the fixed fee does not provide incentive for customers to save water.

Lyn Dedmon stated that Joe Garuba could possibly answer these questions and that he would ask Joe Garuba if he could give a brief presentation on this item.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be a special meeting scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Prepared by: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst