

**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  
October 19, 2020

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

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

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

Public present: Debbie Kinsinger, resident

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a written public comment that was read under Item #7 on the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 30, 2020

Action:	Motion to approve minutes by Trey McDonald; second by Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret
Vote:	4-0
Ayes:	Williams, McDonald, Lonjaret, Budnik
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	

5. CITY STAFF UPDATES

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the Community Garden in MacArthur Park.

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the status of the Commissioner vacancies from the La Mesa Spring Valley District and Helix High School.

Trey McDonald stated that the first step was letting the organizations know about the vacancies and that this gives them an opportunity to participate. Trey also stated that if they are not interested, maybe there are other organizations that could contribute.

Ricky Williams stated that he would prefer we slow down on omitting them via a bylaws update because they play an integral part of the success of the Commission

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the invitation of Council members to the Commission.

Hilary Ego gave an update on the DIY Toolkit efforts, including the production of videos to market the program.

Hilary Ego updated the Commission on the Cal Fire grant efforts with tree planting and the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Hilary Ego gave an update on the City's implementation of AB 1383 (Organic Waste Diversion).

Hilary Ego gave an update on Park Appreciation Day and an upcoming document shredding event.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY WORK PLAN (Lyn Dedmon)

Ricky Williams introduced the 2020 Work Plan and explained its purpose. Ricky also briefly summarized the goals and tracking milestones included in the Work Plan.

Ricky Williams stated that it would be beneficial if Commission members could review the Work Plan.

Ricky Williams stated that there are some tracking milestones that weren't achieved last year but that many of those are still attainable.

Trey McDonald stated that it would be beneficial to provide progress reports on some of the tracking milestones and that it's worthwhile to have some discussion on them.

Trey McDonald stated that it's important for Commission members to understand where progress has been made and why some tracking milestones didn't get off the ground due to extenuating circumstances so everyone knows where we are and what resources we might need to get started in these areas.

Lyn Dedmon referenced Tracking Milestone 1.3 and stated that the City's Energy Manager Database could help with the municipal facilities GHG reduction measures. Lyn Dedmon offered to present the database at a future meeting.

Eugenie Budnik stated that she has some ideas on how to use the Energy Manager data and that it can be discussed at a future meeting.

Ricky Williams stated that this is an opportunity for Commission members to conduct a homework assignment to look at the Work Plan and provide information on what involvement each Commission member may have had. Ricky also stated that this would be a good homework assignment so that at the next meeting the Commission can tackle where its been and what issues its faced, Ricky also stated that the homework assignment should include Commission members taking a look at whether any items should be added to the Tracking Milestones.

Trey McDonald stated that it makes sense to assign specific milestones to individual Commission members to avoid things falling through the cracks.

Hilary Ego stated that there are updates she can provide to specific Tracking Milestones now that she's more familiar with the Work Plan.

Ricky Williams stated that he would like staff to provide the updates Hilary Ego mentioned and he will provide staff with a list of which Commissioners he thinks can provide updates to specific Tracking Milestones so that the group can review them at the next meeting. Staff can then provide a summary to the Commission before the next meeting.

Lyn Dedmon stated that the Commission will need to start working on the recommendations to Council in the coming months.

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret stated that this is a good opportunity to hear from the new Commissioners at the next meeting.

#### 7. COUNCIL INVITES TO COMMISSION MEETINGS (Lyn Dedmon)

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the Commission's ability to invite council members to meetings.

#### 8. CAP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (Trey McDonald & Ricky Williams)

Trey McDonald stated that the subcommittee is preparing a presentation for the November meeting on their most recent proposal.

Trey McDonald stated that the subcommittee is looking forward to supporting Hilary Ego on the Municipal Action Plan project.

#### 9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Trey McDonald stated that everyone should make sure they vote.

Eugenie Budnik stated that she voted for the first time today.

Debbie Kinsinger stated that she's been telling friends and neighbors about what the Commission is doing. She would like to get her community involved in the tree planting efforts.

Debbie Kinsinger stated that the Commission should reach out to her if they would like her help on anything.

Ricky Williams invited Debbie Kinsinger to the next CAP Subcommittee meeting.

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret stated that he is most interested in hearing from certain council members that sit on the SANDAG board, including Council Member Colin Parent who is the alternative Council SANDAG representative.

Ricky Williams stated that the vote for Chair and Vice Chair is scheduled for the next Commission meeting.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6 :52 p.m.

Prepared by: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst