

CITY OF CUPERTINO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
Environmental Education Center 22221 McClellan Road

Thursday January 19, 2016 4:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting convened at 4:12 pm

Commissioners Present: Gary Latshaw, Meera Ramanathan, Vignesh Swaminathan, Anna Weber

Commissioner Absent: Angela Chen

Staff: Misty Mersich, Sustainability Manager; Roger Lee, Assistant Director of Public Works; Cheri Donnelly, Environmental Programs Manager

Guests: John Zirelli and Suzanne Morrison- Recology; Richard Gertman- Waste Consultant; Joan Chin, Cupertino resident

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

1. Draft minutes of December 15, 2016 meeting approved with minor edit to add guest Gilee Coral to list of attendees. Motion by Commissioner Swaminathan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weber. Motion passes 4-0-1 with Chen absent.

**STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

Chair Swaminathan and Misty met with Cupertino resident Ram Mohan to discuss micro grids and hydrogen fuel cell technology. Chair Swaminathan also met with a landscape vendor with an interest in partnering with the City to educate about water conservation. Commissioners Latshaw and Chen met with the Librarian and Library Commission to discuss showing the movie; Before the Flood. They are looking into the cost of the license. Misty gave staff updates; Silicon Valley Clean Energy- the first notifications have been mailed on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Which will include those customers that will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment phase ( starting April 2017), which includes 20% of residential accounts, all small and medium businesses and all municipal accounts. New hire- The new Sustainability Program Coordinator, Gilee Coral will start on Monday. Previously she worked for the City of Hayward as a CivicSpark fellow, on

GHG inventory and CAP implementation. Greywater- staff is working on putting together a series of greywater workshops for residents. Once dates are set, an email will be sent out to all commissioners. Movies at Earth Day- there is interest from staff to show movies in Community Hall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Subject: Chair and Vice Chair appointments**

Commissioners approved Angela Chen as Chair. Motion by Commissioner Swaminathan, 2nd by Commissioner Ramanathan. Motion passes 4-0-1, with Chen absent. Commissioners approved Meera Ramanathan as Vice Chair. Motion by Commissioner Swaminathan, 2nd by Commissioner Latshaw. Motion passes 4-0-1, with Chen absent.

### **3. Subject: Sustainable Strategies for Recycling and Waste**

Assistant Director Roger Lee gave a PPT presentation and led a discussion to go over possible strategies for sustainable waste management in Cupertino. He will come back to the commission to continue the conversation at least 1-2 more times as the staff works to explore the issue further.

**ADJOURNMENT- 6:10pm.**