

CITY OF CUPERTINO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Environmental Education Center 22221 McClellan Road

Thursday December 21, 2017 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Angela Chen, Anna Weber, Gary Latshaw, Vignesh Swaminathan (arrived @ 5:19)

Commissioners Absent: Meera Ramanathan

Staff: Misty Mersich, Sustainability Manager; Cheri Donnelly, Environmental Programs Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Action Item:** Draft minutes of November 16, 2017 meeting with the correction of a typo and draft minutes of December 8, 2017 meeting approved. Motion by Commissioner Latshaw and 2nd by Commissioner Weber. Motion passed 3-0-2, with Commissioners Ramanathan and Swaminathan absent.

POSTPONEMENTS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Subject: Adding Sustainability Hero category to CREST Awards**

Commissioners discussed the proposed new format of the CREST awards and Public Affairs request to add a Sustainability category. It was determined that the Commission would like to call the award "Sustainability Champion." The Commissioners

brainstormed questions that they would like the applicants to answer. The Commission will discuss this further at the January meeting.

3. **Subject: Student Green Grant Guidelines** - Item postponed to January.

4. **Subject: Work Plan**

Commissioners reviewed items on the work plan for future meetings, revised the months of January, February, and March, and decided to not hold a meeting in April. **Action:** Motion to adopt the revised work plan by Commissioner Weber, 2nd by Commissioner Latshaw. Motion passed 3-0-2, with Commissioners Ramanathan and Swaminathan absent.

5. **Subject: Budget Review**

Staff updated the Commission with the new carryover amount of \$5,993; the Commission budget will be updated to reflect this change. Commissioners discussed possible conference/education opportunities and possibility of having iPads. There is interest in getting some Sustainability Commissioner Polo shirts. Commissioner Swaminathan started a discussion on the possibility of creating other demonstration areas throughout the city to showcase innovative, sustainability-related ideas, projects, and possibilities. There is also interest in a rain barrel at City Hall.

6. **Supporting climate change legislation**

Commissioner Latshaw would like to add to the January meeting a resident's letter on SB100.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commission Reports:

Commissioners reported that they enjoyed touring the Sunnyvale SMaRT station. One follow up question they have for SMaRT station staff is regarding rules for wearing safety equipment and gloves.

Staff Updates:

- There are two new vacancies on the Commission, as terms expire for Commissioners Latshaw and Chen at the end of January 2018. Applications for the vacancies are due January 12, 2018.
- SVCE rates will go up in March, more information to follow at future meetings.
- FHA announced that it will no longer insure new mortgages with PACE loans.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:07 p.m.