

CITY OF CUPERTINO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
City Hall, Conference Room C 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino CA 95136

Thursday October 30, 2018 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Angela Chen

Staff: Misty Mersich, Sustainability Manager, Katy Nomura, Senior Management Analyst, Jaqui Guzman, Deputy City Manager

Guest: Diane Russell, Citizens Climate Lobby

Members of Public: Rhoda Fry and Joan Chen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Item: Draft minutes of September 20, 2018 meetings reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ramanathan and 2nd by Commissioner Latshaw. Motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Chen absent

POSTPONEMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Katy Nomura with the City Manager's office presented the results of her research into city Commissions. She requested feedback from the Commissioners on how to improve communications with Council, efficiency of meeting and protocols.
2. Public Comment was received saying that the Commission should work on it's PR with the Council and would support the Council approving the workplan every year.
3. Public Comment: Where was the speaker series advertised? She did not hear about it, and thinks that it should get more PR. Also would support Cupertino doing something

on plastics.

4. Public Comment: Spoke on the value of Passive House, and thinks the City should incorporate Passive House standards into City Building code. Commissioners responded by inviting Rhoda to the next meeting to present.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: Study Citizens Climate Lobby Fee and Dividend Carbon Tax Initiative

Commissioners heard from Diane Russell, a volunteer with Citizens Climate Lobby to briefly summarize her previous visit and presentation on the idea of a national fee and dividend carbon tax. Commissioner Latshaw passed out a news article, County resolution and gave an overview PPT to express his opinion that the City should support only one way of going with a fee or tax. Instead suggested that we follow the County of Santa Clara's resolution language to support the concept in general, and identify parts of the CAP that the National government could help us to implement. Staff will take a look at the County's resolution, revise the draft and bring it back to the next meeting. Public Comment: The State of California carbon tax doesn't take into consideration cement, we should look into including cement.

3. Subject: Student Essay Contest

Item moved to next meeting. If any commissioner has a comment on the draft brought Public Comment: support holding the contest with one winter per grade, because you might get more from some of the schools than others.

4. Implementation of the Buy Clean California Act and Creation of Local Version

Misty gave an update on the current implementation status of the Buy Clean California Act. Commissioners discussed how they would like to approach its implementation locally. The discussion morphed into a desire to take a look at our City building codes, to update them to include green building materials, and looking at the embedded carbon of those materials. This conversation will continue, and a related item will be put on the Commissioners Workplan for Council approval in the Spring.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

- The Sustainability Speaker Series, *"Electrification as a Solution to Climate Change"*. Was held October 18th. Turnout was great, with over 50 people in attendance.

There is a video that will be posted to the City's website at www.cupertino.org/sustainabilityspeakers and staff will send out the link to all Commissioners and it will be posted on Facebook and Nextdoor.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:15 p.m.