

## CITY OF CUPERTINO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Environmental Education Center, 22221 McClellan Road

Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Anna Weber, Gary Latshaw, Vignesh Swaminathan, Meera Ramanathan, Angela Chen (arrived @ 4:07 p.m.). Absent: None.

Staff: Misty Mersich, Sustainability Manager; Roger Lee, Acting Public Works Director; Cheri Donnelly, Environmental Programs Manager; Gilee Corral, Sustainability Program Coordinator

Guests: Bruce Karney; Mukta Ubale, Cupertino High School Environmental Club; other members of the public

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of March 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Swaminathan moved and Commissioner Ramanathan seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### POSTPONEMENTS

None.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bruce Karney talked about his desire for the City to switch to annual greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and for the Commission to recommend to City Council to switch to an emissions per capita target -- distributed a handout on the City of San Jose's 2017 GHG inventory.

Mukta Ubale on behalf of the Cupertino High School Environmental Club talked about their desire for the City's GHG goals to be more ambitious, for the City to adopt a resolution to support the Green New Deal, and for the City to adopt a goal for zero GHG emissions by 2030.

The Commission agreed to add the New Green Deal discussion topic to the agenda for the June 20<sup>th</sup> Sustainability Commission meeting.

Chair Weber reordered the agenda items to place a partial Staff Update before Written Communications.

#### STAFF UPDATE

Acting Public Works Director Roger Lee updated the Commission on several items, including: the McClellan west parking lot project is 75% complete; a resolution will go before Council in June to study the possibilities of working with the Sunnyvale SMaRT station. He acknowledged Sustainability Manager Misty Mersich's contribution to the City, thanked her for all her work with Public Works, and wished her well in her next step.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Weber distributed an email sent by a student to the Commission.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2. Subject: 2019/2020 Work Program and Council Presentation**

Misty Mersich reviewed the draft Sustainability Commission Work Program with the Commission and updated it with agreed changes. At the June 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Commission's Work Program will be on the agenda for approval and the Commission will present its FY 2018/19 accomplishments. Commissioner Latshaw will give the presentation and Chair Weber and Commissioner Ramanathan will attend the meeting in support.

Commissioner Latshaw moved and Commissioner Chen seconded to approve the Sustainability Commission Work Program as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Subject: Clean Water & Storm Protection Initiative / Proposed Fee Update**

The Commission received an update on the Clean Water & Storm Protection Initiative / Proposed Fee from Environmental Programs Manager Cheri Donnelly. This item will be discussed at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Cupertino property owners will receive a ballot to vote on the additional fee; ballots will be mailed on the 20<sup>th</sup> and completed ballots must be received back to City July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Donnelly answered Commissioners's questions on the process and asked them to forward any further questions to [environmental@cupertino.org](mailto:environmental@cupertino.org).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Commission updates:**

Commissioner Latshaw gave an update on planning for the Sustainability Speaker Series. Staff will contact Bea Johnson to ask her availability for speaking this fiscal year. Commissioner Latshaw will also contact Hal Harvey to gauge his interest in speaking. The Commission will discuss the Speaker Series at the next Commission meeting.

Chair Weber reviewed items discussed at a recent Mayor's Meeting, including:

- Mayor Scharf expressed interest in the straw ban / plastic reduction. Staff will provide information on the City's current activities on this topic to Chair Weber.
- Paperless City meetings & Council meetings.
- Raising awareness in the community on reducing emissions. Staff will arrange for the Public Information Officer to meet with the Commission to discuss outreach.

The Commissioners thanked Misty Mersich for her service to the City.

**Staff updates:**

- The Sustainability Division will be running with one staff member until the new Sustainability Manager is hired; capacity will be very limited.
- Staff is working to engage a consultant for a GHG inventory update.
- The City is a finalist in a grant application to Silicon Valley Clean Energy to support an electric vehicle charging station project at the Sports Center.
- City Council adopted a Buy Clean resolution. Buy Clean update on the next Commission meeting agenda.
- Donnelly distributed a handout on a solar panel disposal presentation from Lee-Tan that was presented at a recent Technical Advisory Committee for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT-** 6:03 p.m.