

**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**

MINUTES  
October 15, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Stephen Guiland, Vice Chair	X
Robin Rivet	(Excused absence)
Maria Hesse	(Excused absence)
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Vacant (Youth)	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	(Excused absence)
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
David Chong (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	
Vacant (SDG&E)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Desiree Pedroza, EDCO; Jean Costa, David Harris and Angela Deegan, San Diego 350; Hannah Gbeh, Bee Valley Farm; Rachael Lindebekhe and Michael Romanowski.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Deegan thanked the Commission for reviewing her comments regarding transportation and announced that the City of San Diego passed a ban on polystyrene.

Jean Costa asked for the Commission's support of youth suing the federal government to demand a science-based National Climate Recovery Plan.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 17, 2018

Action:	Motion to approve minutes
Vote:	4-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Guiland, Grooms, Damsky
Noes:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Rivet, Hesse

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE

Lyn Dedmon reported that he spoke to several staff regarding the prior community garden attempt on Maryland Avenue and determined that the work was performed before checking with zoning which would have prohibited the garden. He also announced that a MacArthur Park workshop was being held on Wednesday.

Jenny Lybeck announced that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Feasibility Study was posted by the City of Chula Vista with La Mesa as a partner. The City is still reviewing dock-less scooters. A 2016 greenhouse emissions inventory is

to be completed around the end of this year or early next. There is also discussion regarding MTS and Caltrans properties for sale for transit-oriented development.

6. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Stephen Guiland discussed the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) decision on opt-out costs for CCA programs and Lyn stated that the decision will make the feasibility study easier with definitive information. Stephen asked about why solar producers would join a CCA. Stephen asked staff to share the implementation structure of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) with the Commission. Stephen noted that the implementation takes much knowledge and expertise and Jenny stated that the City's interdepartmental team is sharing the workload.

7. COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE

Andrea Beth attended the La Mesa Beautiful Spirit Awards along with Stephen Guiland and Stephen Grooms but there was not much interest in the Commission information. It was announced at the event that the MacArthur Park community garden effort was being turned over to Linda Morse and La Mesa Beautiful. Hannah Gbeh spoke about community gardens and land use and shared a report titled Healthy Food in Every Neighborhood by ChangeLab Solutions that gave La Mesa two out of four stars overall for having supportive language in the General Plan. She recommended further actions to support community gardens and Lyn explained that agriculture is allowed in zones but community gardens are not considered the same and are not included within the permitted uses. Jim Stone asked if "community agriculture" was included in the municipal code and Lyn said that he would find out.

8. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

No discussion

9. LA MESA COMMUNITY TREES (URBAN FORESTRY)

No discussion

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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