



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg. #C, Conference Room B-111
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

Present: Commissioner Baugh, Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, Vice Chair Korgan, Commissioner Legaspi, Commissioner Richeson

Absent: Chair Matthias, Commissioner Rodriguez

Also Present: Chief Sustainability Officer Gakunga, Environmental Sustainability Manager Wisniewski, Secretary Rodriguez

Others Present *Deputy City Attorney Silva and Conservation Specialist Downs*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in Conference Room C-101 located in Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista California.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Secretary Rodriguez called the roll.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3.1-3.2)**

Moved by Commissioner Richeson

Seconded by Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas

Commission approved the consent calendar

Yes (5): Commissioner Baugh, Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, Vice Chair Korgan, Commissioner Legaspi, and Commissioner Richeson

Result:Carried (5 to 0)

3.1 APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2022

Commission approve minutes

3.2 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Commission approve absence

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment was received by Carolyn Scofield who shared an update on Community Power.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 GRID ALTERNATIVES CHULA VISTA OUTREACH UPDATE

Grid Alternatives presentation provided by Clovis Honore. Mr. Honore started by sharing the motto of Grid Alternatives which are people, planet and employment and their mission to make renewable energy technology and job training accessible to communities of concern. He continued by providing information on the primary program for which he is responsible for, the DAC - SASH (Disadvantaged Communities - Single-Family Solar Homes) Program. The program provides no-cost solar systems to homeowners that qualify as low income, reduces electricity costs by 90% and provides the opportunity for community members and job trainees to get hands-on-experience with solar power installation. In order to qualify for the program, the resident must own the home, live in the home, the home's roof, electrical panel, shading must be solar ready, and income qualify. He concluded by sharing other programs available, Clean Mobility Program, Multifamily Program and the Workforce Development Program. Mr. Honore answered questions from the commission.

5.2 CHULA VISTA COMMUNITY SHUTTLE PROGRAM LAUNCH

Sustainability Officer Gakunga made the introduction to the Chula Vista Community Shuttle Program that was launched earlier in the morning. Mateo Henderson with CALSTART's Innovative Mobility & Clean Mobility Options provided an overview of the pilot shuttle program. He shared the program goals which are to provide mobility equity, climate mitigation and

local air quality, increase zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption, reduced vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and workforce development. Next Henderson shared what Clean Mobility Options (CMO) offers. CMO offers two types of voucher funding, capacity building and technical assistance support. The two types of vouchers are needs assessment vouchers and mobility project vouchers. Henderson continued by sharing that CMO works under a first-come, first-serve model with a two-part application process. The presentation was concluded with program timeline and key dates.

5.3 UPDATE ON INCREASING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Deputy City Attorney Silva shared the draft ordinance that amends Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.32.060 that will allow for two additional commission members. The two new members would seat high school students, would serve a two-year term and be non-voting members. Commissioners had questions regarding the impact of new members and having a quorum to hold meetings. Also, the commission would like the term young adult or youth be used instead of high school students with the age range being 16 - 22 years old.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 REVIEW 2020 COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPAL GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) INVENTORIES

Conservation Specialist Downs presented on Chula Vista's greenhouse gas inventories for 2020. He began by sharing the impact of climate change and why this is tracked. Next, he explained the two types of inventories, municipal and community and the methodologies behind each. Municipal inventory are emissions from city operations such as building energy usage, fleet fuels, wastewater and other resources used for city operations. Community inventory are greenhouse (GHG) emissions from community activity, including a portion of out of jurisdictions transportation. Downs shared data on transportation emissions and how this was greatly reduced during Covid-19 and how about 16% of all vehicles in the state are electric with 1% are registered in Chula Vista. He continued by sharing that the city has joined the Race to Zero which is local governments bonding together to see how fast they can get to zero emissions. In conclusion Downs shared how the adoption of the Zero Waste Plan, the food waste collection program and the Clean Mobility program are important pieces to getting us to zero emissions.

Vice Chair Korgan pointed out that the document is listed on top as 2020 but when the file is saved, it is titled 2010. He requested that data labels be included or data charts for inclusion under the x axis of the information presented. He also stated he believes we can indeed predict state and federal efforts by regressing former behavioral results on to the future timetable. In conclusion he does not think report is City Council and Mayor level quality. Commissioner Richeson voiced his concern with the data provided by Community Power.

Moved by Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas
Seconded by Commissioner Richeson

Motion to approve the Municipal Greenhouse Gas Inventory report with the condition that changes are adopted as recorded in this meeting.

Yes (5): Commissioner Baugh, Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, Vice Chair Korgan, Commissioner Legaspi, and Commissioner Richeson

Result:Carried (5 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Environmental Sustainability Manager Wisniewski shared and update on the Benchmarking Ordinance and on the distribution of the food waste caddies.

Chief Sustainable Officer Gakunga shared a brief update on the CV Community Shuttle. Next, he shared that efforts are still underway with the citywide privacy policy, technology oversight guidance and policy. The task force meetings are taking place in Council Chambers and community outreach sessions will be scheduled in the upcoming month.

8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Vice Chair Korgan requested staff provide a quick update of the city's collaborations with Republic Services namely regarding to SB 1383. He then thanked Commissioner Baugh for her invaluable work.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Baugh shared a goodbye and stated she has learned a lot from the commission and hopes to find some way to participate once she is in Virginia.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Monica Rodriguez, Secretary

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