



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg. #C, Conference Room B-111
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

Present: Raymundo Alatorre, Chair Korgan, Hayley Salazar, Jeanine Sharkey

Absent: Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, John Knox

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

Others Present *Senior Recycling Specialist Sanchez*

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 5:10 p.m. in Conference Room B-111 located in City Hall, Building C, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista California.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Rodriguez called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two public comments received by resident Scofield and Johnson.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 BEAUTIFY CHULA VISTA 2023 EVENT

Senior Recycling Specialist Sanchez shared the results of the 20th Annual Beautify Chula Vista event that took place on October 21. The event had two staging areas, the Animal Care Facility managed by South Bay Sustainable Communities and the other at Memorial Park. 4,240 pounds of trash was collected by 289 volunteers. The presentation was concluded with a video of the event and questions from the commission.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Moved by Chair Korgan
Seconded by Hayley Salazar

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2023

Yes (4): Raymundo Alatorre, Chair Korgan, Hayley Salazar, and Jeanine Sharkey

Result:Carried (4 to 0)

5.2 SELECTION OF WILDLIFE ADVISORY GROUP (WAG) COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Moved by Chair Korgan
Seconded by Hayley Salazar

Motion to elect Commissioner Sharkey as the Sustainability Commission representative to the Wildlife Advisory Group

Yes (4): Raymundo Alatorre, Chair Korgan, Hayley Salazar, and Jeanine Sharkey

Result:Carried (4 to 0)

5.3 JOINT WASTE TIRE ABATEMENT GRANT APPLICATION 2023 - 2024

Environmental Services Manager Medrano requested the commission recommend approval by council for a resolution of a joint waste tire abatement grant application. The joint grant is with the City of San Diego for 2023 - 2024 period and if approved would be extended up to five

years. Medrano provided some background on tire disposal, how the issue is being addressed and the local solution. He concluded the presentation by sharing that the grant is to fund education, outreach and proper disposal of tires.

One public comment was submitted by resident Johnson.

Moved by Chair Korgan

Seconded by Raymundo Alatorre

Motion to approve the submission of the joint waste tire abatement grant application contingent on the review of the City Attorney's office.

Yes (4): Raymundo Alatorre, Chair Korgan, Hayley Salazar, and Jeanine Sharkey

Result: Carried (4 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Sustainability Officer Gakunga shared that he participated in the Clean Mobility Forum that was hosted in Los Angeles and that an additional half-a-million dollars were awarded to the program.

Environmental Sustainability Manager Wisniewski provided information on the upcoming Climate Action & A Movie event taking place at the Civic Center Library on November 18. She also mentioned the partnership with San Diego Green Building Council and the electric home cooktop program to get residents interested in induction cooking. Wisniewski then spoke on an event to support the building energy saving ordinance that took place on October 25 at the Civic Center Library. She concluded by briefly speaking on the memo that was shared regarding recent activities of the Decarbonization Working Group.

Environmental Services Manager Medrano shared an update on City Council's response and progress of the single-use plastic ban. He will be at Otay Ranch High School tomorrow to speak with students and provide them an update on the ban. Medrano shared that a mailer will be going out to residents in both English and Spanish regarding food waste and gave mention to a new program for gleaning services. A fix-it clinic event will take place on December 18 at Norman Park Center. He concluded by giving an update on containers and signage.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Korgan shared that during his participation in a Pacific Southwestern Association of Realtors meeting he was asked if upon the sale or transaction of a home if there's greater sophistication or improvement in something that will increase energy efficiency or water usage efficiency, should that be then forced in to the transaction? His response was no.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Salazar expressed her gratitude to Environmental Services Manager Medrano for his visit to Otay Ranch High School. She then mentioned she follows the Office of Sustainability on Facebook and loves the posts.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Monica Rodriguez, Secretary

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