



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg. C, Conference Room B-111
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

Present: Raymundo Alatorre, Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, John Knox,
Chair Korgan, Hayley Salazar, Jeanine Sharkey

Also Present: Abigail Costello, Environmental Sustainability Manager
Wisniewski, Environmental Services Manager Medrano,
Secretary Rodriguez

Others Present Cory Downs, Conservation Specialist

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 5:11 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. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3.1-3.2)**

Moved by John Knox

Seconded by Chair Korgan

Motion to approve consent calendar

Yes (5): Raymundo Alatorre, Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, John Knox, Chair Korgan, and Hayley Salazar

Abstain (1): Jeanine Sharkey

Result:Carried (5 to 0)

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024

Commission review and approve minutes

3.2 Written Communications

Commission approve absence

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One e-comment was received from resident Johnson regarding residents having the ability to submit comments up to the time an item is heard

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 CAP Update

Conservation Specialist Downs shared an update on the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The city has adopted four previous CAP documents to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change impacts. Downs shared that all CAP documents are not planning documents and not CEQA certified.

5.2 Sustainability Champion Award Winners

Environmental Sustainability Manager Wisniewski shared the results of the 2024 Sustainability Champion Awards. She briefly went over each category and the recipients' efforts to be sustainable.

5.3 Environmental Concerns of the Use of Artificial Turf in Chula Vista

Commissioner Sharkey shared a presentation on artificial turf. She went over how artificial turf negatively affects the city. She explained how artificial turf a heat generator contributes to storm water pollution and is a petroleum product potentially causing health risks to residents. Artificial turf is needs to be replaced every 10 - 15 years and it is not recyclable and will end up on the landfill. The commission requested an item on the agenda for next month to take action in regard to artificial turf.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Chula Vista's Single-use Plastics Ban Draft

Environmental Services Manager Medrano went over the updates made to the single-use plastics ban. The Surfrider Foundation reached out to the city and inquired about the progress of the ban and offered their assistance with drafting the ban. Medrano shared that the Surfrider Foundation provided their feedback based on consultation from legal counsel.

One public comment submitted by resident Robert Johnson

Moved by Chair Korgan

Seconded by Hayley Salazar

Motion to conditionally approve the single-use plastics ban draft on the condition of the inclusion of a definition of single-use plastics

Yes (5): Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, John Knox, Chair Korgan, Hayley Salazar, and Jeanine Sharkey

Abstain (1): Raymundo Alatorre

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Environmental Services Manager Wisniewski shared that it is benchmarking reporting season for 2023 energy data and there will be an online event on Wednesday to help anyone having issues, concerns or questions regarding the reporting process. She next shared that her team applied for a federal grant that would allow more support for building owners. Wisniewski then shared information about the bike anywhere event taking place on Thursday, May 15.

Environmental Services Manager Medrano suggested the commission start thinking of the upcoming election of a new chair and vice chair for fiscal year 2024 - 2025.

8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Korgan thanked staff for bringing forward the single-use draft and Commissioner Sharkey for presentation on artificial turf.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Knox had a question regarding the energy benchmarking workshop.

Commissioner Sharkey asked staff what the protocol for an absence of a meeting is and shared that she was in attendance of the April 24 Wildlife Advisory Group (WAG) meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Monica Rodriguez, Secretary

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