



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, Bldg. C, Conference Room B-111
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Raymundo Alatorre, Eleuterio Buquiran, John Knox, Hayley Salazar, Jeanine Sharkey

Absent: Commissioner Guevara-Gluyas, Chair Korgan

Also Present: Commissioner Wu, 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 5:06 p.m. in Conference Room B-111 located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista California.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Rodriguez called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment submitted by resident Robert Johnson

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Introduction of New Youth Advisor David Wu

Youth advisor Wu introduced himself to the commission. He shared that he is in his third year at UCSD, majoring in political science with a concentration in international relations and minoring in Japanese. His dream is to hopefully work at the Tokyo embassy. He also shared that he previously interned with Mayor McCann.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024

Moved by John Knox

Seconded by Eleuterio Buquiran

Motion to approve meeting minutes of September 9, 2024.

Yes (5): Raymundo Alatorre, Eleuterio Buquiran, John Knox, Hayley Salazar, and Jeanine Sharkey

Result:Carried (5 to 0)

5.2 2022 Municipal Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Conservation Specialist Downs shared a report on the 2024 Municipal Greenhouse Gas inventory. His presentation focused on municipal inventory which data was collected using Local Government Operations protocol. Downs went over the emission inventory which includes water, sewage, buildings and vehicle fleet fuel use and shared the next steps the City is taking. His presentation was concluded by sharing resources for action.

One public comment submitted by resident Robert Johnson.

Moved by Raymundo Alatorre

Seconded by Hayley Salazar

Motion to recommend report be presented and approved by City Council .

Yes (5): Raymundo Alatorre, Eleuterio Buquiran, John Knox, Hayley Salazar, and Jeanine Sharkey

Result:Carried (5 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Environmental Sustainability Manager Wisniewski shared information about the Better Climate Challenge. Chula Vista was the first and only public sector to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 64%. She then continued by sharing information about the benchmarking and beyond event that took place at the library and that Chula Vista was selected by the US Department of Energy to receive ten million dollars in funding over the next ten years to help support the ordinance.

Environmental Services Manager Medrano reminded the commission of the Beautify event taking place this weekend and shared that volunteer sign up was closed due to reaching capacity. He continued by sharing that Tina Matthias was selected by the National Recycling Coalition to receive an award in their upcoming conference taking place in New York. Medrano shared information about the free compost giveaway on November 2, the drug take back event on October 26 and shared an update on the single-use plastic ban.

Conservation Specialist Downs asked the commission to nominate any local Chula Vista or regional climate leaders for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative award.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Alatorre shared some sustainability efforts other countries are implementing. In Italy they had light posts with chargers for EV vehicles and in the cruise ship he notices that all bottle caps were attached to the bottle in an effort for them to not end up in the ocean. He would like to explore how that could be implemented here.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

No commissioner comments

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Monica Rodriguez, Secretary

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