

**SPECIAL 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
January 28, 2019

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	X
Maria Hesse	X
Stephen Grooms	X (Arrived 6:15)
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	Excused absence
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Vacant (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; Misty Thompson, Management Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa, Angela Deegan, Wendy Mihalic, David Harris of San Diego 350; Chardá Fontenot, LMSVSD; Elle (last name not recorded)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Deegan asked about the La Mesa advocacy at SANDAG/MTS and Scott Munzenmaier stated that the approved letter would be submitted to the City Council with the 2019 Work Plan. Jean Costa asked if EDCO would be doing a recycling presentation and Jim Stone asked Scott to coordinate with them. Jim also asked if they could address the issue of the materials being accepted overseas.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 17, 2018

Action:	Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote:	6-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Guiland, Rivet, Hesse, Damsky, Simmons
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	Grooms

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE

Jenny Lybeck announced that the City Council approved a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) feasibility study cost sharing plan with the City of Chula Vista. The City of Santee is interested in joining the process.

6. LA MESA PARK & RECREATION FOUNDATION EARTH/ARBOR DAY EVENT – APRIL 27

Misty Thompson informed the group that the Foundation was sponsoring an event similar to past environmental festivals by the Commission. The Commission committed to having a booth at the event and providing advice.

7. 2019 WORK PLAN

Action: Motion to approve attached work plan with changes
Vote: 7-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Guiland, Rivet, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

8. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Jenny Lybeck presented the draft CAP Implementation Plan that incorporated input from the CAP subcommittee and the public. Elle (last name not provided) expressed concerns regarding the effect on health of 5G wireless infrastructure and high-density housing. Robin Rivet asked for a delay of the vote on the Implementation Plan until the following meeting.

Action: Motion to approve CAP Implementation Plan with provision that needed changes would be addressed over time
Vote: 6-1-0
Ayes: Stone, Guiland, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons
Noes: Rivet
Abstained:
Absent:

9. COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE

Andrea Beth Damsky presented her draft recommendations for including community gardens in La Mesa's zoning regulations.

Action: Motion to approve recommendation letter to the City Council
Vote: 7-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Guiland, Rivet, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

10. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

Maria Hesse is working to finalize a presentation to the City Council and will complete a report of recommendations.

11. LA MESA COMMUNITY TREES (URBAN FORESTRY)

Robin Rivet prepared a letter of recommendations to the City Council but due to a lack of time this item was tabled until the next meeting.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Andrea Beth Damsky thanked San Diego 350 for their help.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Prepared by:

Scott Munzenmaier, Purchasing Officer