

**REGULAR 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  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING WEBINAR**

MINUTES  
July 20, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:04 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Andrea Beth Damsky, Chair	X
Ricky Williams, Vice-Chair	X
Stephen Grooms	
Trey McDonald	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	X
Mike Bourton	X
VACANT (Youth Rep)	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Scott Munzenmaier, Purchasing Officer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 15, 2020  
Action: Motion to approve minutes  
Vote: 5-0  
Ayes: Damsky, Williams, McDonald, Lonjaret, Bourton  
Noes: None  
Abstained:  
Absent:

5. CITY STAFF UPDATES

Lyn Dedmon updated the commission on the hiring of Hilary Ego.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked for an update on the Community Garden at MacArthur Park. Lyn Dedmon stated that he will update the commission at the next meeting.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked about the citizen that was selected for the San Diego Community Power Citizen's Committee.

Ricky Williams asked about an update on the City's Slow Streets Program and businesses allowed use of sidewalks for dining during the pandemic. Lyn Dedmon updated the commission on the Executive Orders that were approved by Council to allow sidewalk use by businesses and informed the commission that he will have to follow-up with information at the next meeting.

6. ZERO WASTE BRANDING – AGREEMENT WITH STUDENT THROUGH SAGE PROGRAM (Lyn Dedmon)

Lyn Dedmon presented the option for the commission to work with student Chanelly Languna to perform edits to the selected Zero Waste Branding. Andrea Beth Damsky, Trey McDonald, and Ricky Williams agreed to meet with Chanelly and Kristofer of the SAGE program to go over edits to the Zero Waste Branding and to discuss this item at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Commission reviewed the specific edits to the branding that were discussed at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

7. SUSTAINABILITY VISION STATEMENT AND TARGETS FOR ACTION (Lyn Dedmon)

Lyn Dedmon presented the Council's desire from the February Strategic Goals Workshop to ask the commission to add a new strategic goal related to the Climate Action Plan. Lyn also explained to the commission how the vision statement works in conjunction with the City's Targets for Action.

Trey asked how the Council defines sustainability. The commission decided that the definition should be specific to environmental-related efforts.

Andrea Beth Damsky provided an example of a possible sustainability vision statement – “Reducing Green House Gas Emissions and Improving Air Quality”

Ricky Williams stated that Andrea Beth Damsky's example could be modified to say “Improve Community Health through Reducing GHG Emissions and Improving Air Quality”.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret asked about the urban forestry report from last month, the tree canopy data and what its use will be moving forward.

Andrea Beth Damsky explained the city's effort to reach its tree canopy goal as part of the Climate Action Plan.

Trey McDonald asked a question about whether the make-up of the commission has changed based on the recent applications for appointment.

Ricky briefed the commission on who re-applied and said we are waiting on the Mayoral appointments.

Trey McDonald asked about the status of the Helix High School vacant position and the La Mesa-Spring Valley vacant position.

Scott Munzenmaier stated that we need to work with the City Clerk to find out our options.

Lyn Dedmon stated that he would follow-up on this item.

Andrea Beth-Damsky asked why the commission doesn't have an age minimum.

Lyn Dedmon stated that he would ask the City Clerk that question and get back with the group.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst