

**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**

MINUTES
April 15, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:02 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Stephen Guiland, Vice Chair	Excused absence
Robin Rivet	Excused absence
Maria Hesse	Excused absence
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	Excused absence
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	
Vacant (SDG&E)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Trey McDonald, resident; Hector Valtierra, resident

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 18, 2019
Action: Motion to approve minutes
Vote: 4-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent: Guiland, Rivet, Hesse

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE

Jenny Lybeck stated that the City Council approved the noticing for the Public Hearing for the proposed new trash rates. Jenny also stated that La Mesa, Santee, and Chula Vista recently met with EES Solutions, the consultant hired to perform the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Feasibility Study and that a community forum is being planned in June for La Mesa residents to learn about CCA's. Jim Stone stated that engaging organizations like San Diego 350 and the Climate Action Campaign would be a good idea to get more input and engagement and suggested that the community forum be scheduled as part of the regular ESC meeting. Jim asked that the community forum be placed on the upcoming ESC meeting agenda for the committee to discuss.

6. PRESENTATION OF EDCO RECYCLING PROGRAMS (Maggie Eggers/Bob Hill)

Carl Scherbaum, Division Manager at EDCO Disposal, gave a PowerPoint presentation on organic waste diversion.

7. GREEN/FOOD WASTE RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE (Stephen Grooms)
Stephen Grooms stated that he and Stephen Guiland are ready for the upcoming Earth Day event.
8. LA MESA PARK & RECREATION FOUNDATION EARTH/ARBOR DAY EVENT – APRIL 27
Stephen Grooms accepted materials from City staff and Joe Garuba to be handed out at the Earth Day event on April 27th.
9. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE (Stephen Guiland)
Stephen Guiland was absent, therefore no report was given.
10. COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE (Andrea Beth Damsky)
Andrea Beth Damsky reported that the City of Lemon Grove's community garden had its grand opening and that all of the lots were sold. Andrea Beth recited language from Lemon Grove's community garden ordinance that allows community gardens as an accessory use in residential zoning designations. Mark Gracyk stated that he purchased a plot at Lemon Grove's community garden and that he was aware of the process to create the ordinance took three years. Jim Stone stated that a champion of community gardens will be needed in La Mesa if an ordinance is to be adopted. Jim also stated that La Mesa should be envious that Lemon Grove has opened a community garden and La Mesa has not. Andrea Beth asked for appropriate contact information to request that community gardens be placed on the next Harry Griffen Park JPA meeting agenda.
11. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE (Stephen Guiland for Maria Hesse)
Maria Hesse was absent, therefore no report was given.
12. LA MESA COMMUNITY TREES (URBAN FORESTRY)
Robin Rivet was absent, therefore no report was given.
13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
None
14. NEXT MEETING DATE
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst

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