

**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
September 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Andrea Beth Damsky, Vice-Chair	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Trey McDonald	X
Ricky Williams	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	Excused absence
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	X
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	Excused absence
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

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

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 2019
Action: Motion to approve minutes
Vote: 5-0-1
Ayes: Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained: Stone
Absent:

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE (Jenny Lybeck)
 - a. DIY Energy and Sustainability Toolkit
Jenny Lybeck presented the toolkit and stated that they are available from the City and Helix Water District for two-week checkouts by online form but there is a waiting list.

- b. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) next steps
The City Council voted to join the regional JPA and that Councilmember Bill Baber would be the representative with Assistant City Manager Greg Humora as alternate.

6. REVIEW OF SUBCOMMITTEES (Andrea Beth Damsky)
The responsibilities and Commissioner involved in the different subcommittees was discussed.

Action:	Motion to dissolve the La Mesa Community Trees Subcommittee
Vote:	6-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	

Action: Motion to add Stephen Grooms to the Community Garden Subcommittee to be supported by Andrea Beth Damsky

Vote: 6-0-0

Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams

Noes: None

Abstained:

Absent:

Action: Motion to add Andrea Beth Damsky to the Green/Food Waste Recovery Subcommittee

Vote: 6-0-0

Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams

Noes: None

Abstained:

Absent:

7. REVIEW AND UPDATES TO 2019 WORK PLAN (Jim Stone)

The current Commission Work Plan and its alignment with the subcommittees was discussed. Goal 1 regarding the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Subcommittee completed its first milestone related to the submission of the implementation plan to the City Council. Trey McDonald would lead the Subcommittee. Goal 4 regarding the chemical use policy was completed.

Action: Motion to roll Goal 5 regarding a tree canopy assessment into Goal 1 (CAP)

Vote: 6-0-0

Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams

Noes: None

Abstained:

Absent:

8. DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (Jim Stone)

Jim Stone announced that he was resigning from the Commission after the October meeting and thought that the Commission should begin a dialog on the upcoming selection of Chair and Vice-Chair a month before the process. Andrea Beth Damsky and Stephen Grooms both expressed interest in the Chair position and Ricky Williams expressed interest in the Vice-Chair position.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jim Stone thanked the Commission for their work.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked for an updated Commission roster to be provided. She also asked if they should have a speaker at a future meeting regarding a sand mine in Rancho San Diego. Lastly she applied to a Citizen's Water Academy and may bring future topics to the Commission. Ricky Williams stated that he was glad that the work plan was updated and that as goals are built they align with the Climate Action Plan.

Trey McDonald appreciates Jim Stone's work on the Commission and also recognized Robin Rivet's past work.

Jenny Lybeck asked if the Commission would want to do an environmental recognition program.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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