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SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY SUSTAINABILITY
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

January 20, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Council Member
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Council Member

Staff Present: John Nachbar, City Manager
Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director /
City Engineer
Rudolph Galindo, Public Works Administration
Joe Susca, Public Works Administration

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2015 Meeting

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2015 MEETING.

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Item A-2

AB 1881 - Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, reported on changes to the current Model Water Landscape Ordinance in effect since 1992; he discussed state meetings and community input; upgrades as they affect the urban environment; compliance; new construction; residential and non-residential; remodels; square footage to trigger compliance; effective date of the ordinance; more stringent requirements on drought tolerant plants; irrigation requirements; and parkway turf and spray heads in parkways.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding changes to irrigation and landscape requirements for new construction; awareness of run off and water waste; prohibitions of watering after a rain; enforcement; irrigation requirements; upgrades to parks and parkways; community meetings; raising awareness; reductions to turf; lot size; exemptions for special landscape areas; state water mandates; compliance; upgrades to water systems; improvements to technology; incentives for gray water use; storm water capture; formula for water usage; soil sensors; changes necessary to be in compliance; the Parkway Ordinance; the public workshop; Low Impact Development (LID); LEED requirements; French Drains; enforcement; Best Management Practices; runoff containment during construction; LID for single family developments; percentage of lot coverage; catchment systems; storm water requirements; capturing the first flush; issuance of permits; drip irrigation; and controller requirements.

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Item A-3

Water Conservation Plan Update

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst-Public Works Department, provided an overview of the Water Conservation Plan and discussed components of the Capital Improvement Project.

Discussion ensued between Subcommittee Members and staff regarding the termination of subsidies; funding; grants; the fact that having a plan makes the City more competitive; having current projects in place; water waste from cooling towers; the fountain at the library; and status of the Urban Forest Management Plan.

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Item A-4

Online Survey for Future Sustainability Discussion Topics

Rudolph Galindo, Public Works Department, provided an overview of the survey.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification to the public of what a parkway is; defining open space; the sustainability webpage; public transit accessibility; access to composting services; recycling; distribution of the survey; advertising; topics; and access to the survey.

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Item A-5

Next Meeting Date

Staff and Subcommittee Members agreed that the meeting would be held on April 6, 2016 and discussed the meeting location.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from Subcommittee Members

Council Member Sahli-Wells reported increasing complaints about leaf blowers and suggested addressing the issue with an inclusive discussion.

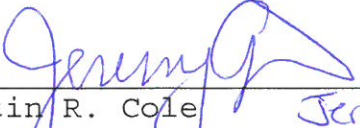
Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding outreach; noise and pollution issues; reductions to turf usage; using a vacuum system; phasing out usage; leaf blowers as an essential tool; widespread abuse of leaf blowers; mitigation of issues; using a governor and a muffler to reduce impacts; enforcement; addressing the issue at the state level; the Air Quality Management District; gasoline vs. electric powered models; trade-ins; the Santa Monica ordinance; effects to the industry; leaf vacuums; efficiency; and enforcement of approved hours of operation.

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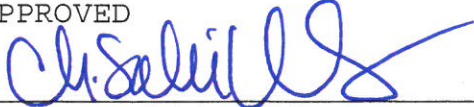
Adjournment

There being no further business, at 4:12 p.m., the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council adjourned its meeting to April 6, 2016.

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Deputy Martin R. Cole 
SECRETARY of the Culver City Sustainability Subcommittee of
the City Council Culver City, California

APPROVED


Meghan Sahli-Wells
Council Member, Sustainability Subcommittee of the City
Council Culver City, California