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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY SUSTAINABILITY
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CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 2, 2014
3:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Meeting Room.

Present: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor
Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember*

*Councilmember Cooper exited the meeting at
5:43 p.m.

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Rudolph Galindo, Management Analyst
Damian Skinner, EPO Manager
Steven Finton, Senior Engineer
Kaden Young, Environmental Programs Operations

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Eleanor Osgood read a letter submitted by Rich Waters regarding concern with the pruning of diseased ficus trees in the area.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed positive actions taken by the City to address ficus tree issues; improvements to the trees; effectiveness of the process; and the spread of disease.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the specialized arborist; recommendations of the report; clarification that the report had been provided to Rich Waters; recommendations to homeowners; trees lost; ongoing monitoring of the situation; the Street Tree Master Plan; the Urban Forest Management Plan; and opportunity for public input.

Mark Hensley requested time to make a presentation on the Community Home Improvement Retrofit Program (CHIRP) that encourages energy efficiency improvements by homeowners through education and rebates.

Discussion ensued between staff, Subcommittee Members and the speaker regarding clarification that Mr. Hensley works for an energy efficiency company, had previously submitted information on the program to staff, and had met with Mayor Sahli-Wells; the many issues to be considered by the Subcommittee; energy efficiency; and scheduling time for the presentation.

Joyce Dallal discussed her efforts to recycle children's toys; electronic roundups; a plan by Los Angeles to get to Zero Waste in 20 years; mixed plastics; and she suggested that Culver City partner with the City of Los Angeles.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the art project by Ms. Dallal; raising awareness about trash that is produced by buying toys; and she asked staff to follow up with the contact from the City of Los Angeles.

Dan Thompson, Efficiency First, discussed the CHIRPS program; AB 32 requirements; Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing; and Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Financing.

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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 June 19, 2013 Meeting

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 19, 2013 MEETING.

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Item A-2

Parkway Ordinance - Outreach Efforts

Rudolph Galindo, Management Analyst, presented a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

No speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the attendance at community meetings; surveys; next steps in the process; additional survey input; Neighborhood Associations; distribution of information; and agreement to move forward.

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Item A-3

Bike Issues

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, presented a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Eleanor Osgood read a letter from Rich Waters regarding the bike path on Duquesne and suggestions to improve bicycle safety.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding timing of the grant; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan process; the entrance to the bike path at Duquesne; visibility; conflicts with pedestrians; concern with eliminating parking in a parking impacted area; pavement markings; agreement to provide information to the Culver City Bicycle Coalition; improvements made in the past year; Safe Routes to School; improvements along Washington Boulevard; and a resident request for protected bicycle lanes to promote access to Metro.

Eleanor Osgood expressed concern regarding employee parking in residential areas due to insufficient parking provided by the employer and aggravation of the issue if parking spaces are eliminated; she requested signage to alert drivers to congestion in the area around the Baldwin Hills Overlook; and lighting on the bike path.

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Item A-4

Storm Water Program Overview

Item A-5

Enhanced Watershed Management Program

Items A-4 and Item A-5 were considered concurrently.

Kaden Young, Environmental Programs and Operations, provided a presentation on legislation; the MS4 permit; requirements; actions to comply with the previous permit; the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs; affected water bodies; challenges; and future funding needs.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads; urban runoff vs. storm water runoff; the dry season vs. the wet season; exceedance days; bacteria counts; dewatering; natural springs within the watershed; volume and limitations on how much can be

diverted; the updated rainfall map from the County; opportunity for the City Council to provide feedback on the draft document; guidelines; use of consultants; the work of other cities; effectiveness of the projects; rain gardens; determining compliance; Best Management Practices (BMPs) monitoring of projects; the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan; determining the City's share; clarification that compliance is necessary but it is not clear how to get there; maintenance and monitoring; pesticides; source control legislation; the reasonable assurance analysis; the adaptive management phase; reevaluation; NPDES permits; different permits to address different issues; working within the watershed; limitations on pesticides; sediment; the Regional Board; implementation of the Board approved plan; Enhanced Watershed Management Plans; and attempts to become compliant.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Yair Crane, E2 Manage Tech, discussed the importance of transparency; the State Water Board Site; electronic reports of polluters; administration of the program; industrial facilities; runoff from chain link fences; liability; online reporting; and the importance of public outreach.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding money necessary to address issues; maintenance; financing; scope of the need; options; raising funds internally; the county-side measure; the League of Cities and City Managers' Report; The Regional Water Quality Control Board; restaurant compliance; code enforcement; working with Community Development; increasing effectiveness and efficiency with interdepartmental cooperation; maximizing resources; turnover of restaurant staff; The Clean Beaches Restaurant Program; ensuring that compliance is in place before the permit to operate is issued; plan checking; Los Angeles County Industrial Waste; and low impact development.

Councilmember Cooper exited the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

The discussion continued regarding inspection of the Culver

City Sanitation Yard; the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan; plastic beads; the rain garden; diverting roof runoff; storm water mandates; regulation of manufacturers rather than consumers; existing projects; the Parkway Ordinance; actions of Los Angeles County; incentivizing the removal of grass; working to make the entire City a watershed; managing storm water through design; the importance of addressing the pollution of the waterways; becoming a model City; communication with the Regional Water Quality Control Board; the Low Impact Development Ordinance; cost sharing with Los Angeles; Best Management Practices; rain barrels; the Baldwin Avenue Rain Garden; less expensive options; encouragement to residents to do projects themselves; the Green Street Policy; development of standard plans to incorporate capturing water and infiltrating it into the parkways; and assistance of the Finance Advisory Committee.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli Wells invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Richard Rownak discussed issues working with the City to resolve where his sewer connects to the City sewer.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, indicated that he would work with Mr. Rownak to coordinate the project.

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Items from Subcommittee Members

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:02 p.m., the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council adjourned its meeting to a date not certain.

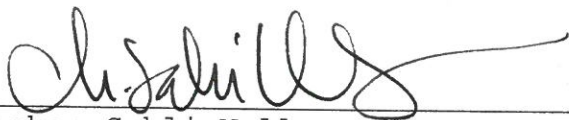
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SECRETARY of the Culver City Sustainability Subcommittee of
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APPROVED



Meghan Sahli-Wells

MAYOR, Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council
Culver City, California

