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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY SUSTAINABILITY
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CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 17, 2015
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Patacchia Room.

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

Staff Present: John Nachbar, City Manager
Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Michele Williams, Chief Information Officer
Johnnie Griffing, GIS Project Manager
Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager
Rudolph Galindo, Management Analyst
Catherine Vargas, Environmental Coordinator
Marian Aspnes, Code Enforcement Manager

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Councilmember Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

Justin Yoffe, of Arts Earth Partnership, spoke about consideration to be added to next agenda to discuss creating a Sustainable City Plan.

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Order of the Agenda

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Item A-1

Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2015 Meeting

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FEBRUARY 25, 2015 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED.

Item A-2

**Mapdwell Proposal / Project
(Johnnie Griffing, GIS Project Manager)**

Johnnie Griffing, GIS Project Manager, provided background on Solar Mapping Solutions as directed by the City Manager, John Nachbar. The IT Department received a proposal from Mapdwell, a new company, as well as evaluated the system of the Los Angeles County. Both systems include a decision making tool for recommended use of Solar Power.

Discussion ensued between staff and committee members. Councilmember Sahli-Wells requested that IT seek feedback from the existing cities who have signed on with Mapdwell for their reviews on how the system is working. Councilmember Cooper expressed concern in the financial backing requirement of the City. Councilmember Sahli-Wells recommended the City partner with LA County and use their system in the interim until more information could be collected to evaluate the cost benefit for Mapdwell.

The Subcommittee Members requested that IT look into funding options and add a link to the LA County System on the City's website.

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Item A-3

**Discussion of City Ordinance for Drought Tolerant Lawns -
(Marian Aspnes, Code Enforcement Manager)**

Marian Aspnes, Code Enforcement Manager, explained the existing residential front lawn requirements for 75% live plant material and 25% hardscape.

Discussion ensued between staff and Members regarding the language of live plant material and consideration of a change to "permeable material" in the Municipal Code. City Manager, John Nachbar, stated that this would be an internal focus for the new language to be explored. This would include consulting with other cities, collaborating with all departments involved and consideration of including urban runoff considerations. This change would be studied and options considered prior to presenting to the City Council.

Councilmember Cooper requested staff be explicit in defining re-model vs. a new build in the code language.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Speaker #1 requested clarification of the water restriction notice that was sent to her from Golden State Water.

Speaker #2 asked if the Level 2 Water Restrictions would be removed once the drought was over.

Speaker #3 expressed concern that homeowners would be required to remove their existing lawns and replace with live plant material.

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Item A-4

Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution
(Catherine Vargas, Environmental Programs Coordinator)

Catherine Vargas, Environmental Programs Coordinator, introduced the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Resolution for consideration from the subcommittee.

Kreigh Hampel, City of Burbank Recycling Coordinator and California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Board Member presented the benefits of signing on as a member with the CPSC and supporting Extended Producer Responsibility.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), also known as Product Stewardship, is a strategy to place a shared responsibility for end-of-life product management on the producers, and all entities involved in the product chain, instead of the general public; while encouraging product design changes that minimize a negative impact on human health and the environment at every stage of the product's lifecycle. This allows the costs of treatment and disposal to be incorporated into the total cost of a product. It places primary responsibility on the producer, or brand owner, who makes design and marketing decisions. It also creates a setting for markets to emerge that truly reflect the environmental impacts of a product, and to which producers and consumers respond.

The request from the Public Works Department to the Committee was to provide direction on the request to take two items before the City Council to 1) sign a resolution in support of EPR and 2) sign on to become a member of the CPSC.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells expressed concern about placing the burden on the consumer.

Councilmember Cooper requested that staff reach out to the Chamber of Commerce and retailers to explain the benefits of EPR.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells and Cooper direct staff to take this item before the City Council for consideration.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, stated that the EPR would be presented to the Chamber of Commerce once more before being taken to the City Council for approval.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No public comment

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Item A-5

Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Cooper; Rain Garden Follow Up

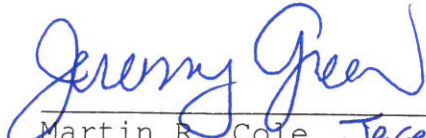
Councilmember Sahli-Wells; Requested Arts Earth Partnership for presentation on Sustainable City Plan. Councilmember Sahli-Wells also requested that Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting information be posted on the City's website and regular meetings established in advance.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:35 p.m., the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council adjourned its meeting to a tentative date of September 16, 2015.

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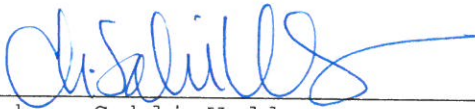


Martin R. Cole

Jeremy Green

SECRETARY of the Culver City Sustainability Subcommittee of
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APPROVED



Meghan Sahli-Wells

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