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Great to hear that the Sustainability Subcommittee will meet again. I hope that you will solicit input from the public on topics to agendize. Here are just some that I think should be on the agenda:

Promoting backyard composting, via compost bin sales/giveaways. We know that the City's organics collection program is expensive, and encouraging the public to compost in their backyards instead will save the City money while enriching our local topsoil.

As a tool for incentivizing waste reduction, the City should explore offering smaller black garbage bins to property owners in exchange for a reduced annual tax.

Gas-powered leaf blowers will be prohibited in Culver City, effective November of this year. What is the City doing to prepare for this? We need an education campaign to inform homeowners and landscaping companies about this law, otherwise we cannot expect compliance.

The waste reduction ordinance that took effect in January of this year are seeing almost zero compliance. The vast majority of restaurants and other food service providers continue to distribute plastic cutlery, straws, and other banned items. City staffer Kimari Kubota should be invited to this meeting to speak about her experiences interacting with local businesses in efforts to increase compliance.

Can we launch a program to install rooftop solar arrays on every City-owned building? And solar arrays covering every City-owned surface parking lot?

How about efforts to reduce water consumption City-wide? For example, eliminating non-functional grass on City-owned properties (medians, etc.). Encouraging homeowners to convert grass lawns to lawns that do not require irrigation. Using treated wastewater for irrigation. There are many tools the City can utilize.

Let's invite Clean Power Alliance (CPA) staff to present to the committee information about rooftop solar Net Energy Metering programs. Joe Susca stated back in January of 2021 that this would be on the agenda of the next Sustainability Subcommittee meeting (which still has not happened). The current programs disincentivize generation of surplus (aka "excess") solar electricity, despite the urgent need to increase such generation and the fact that such "excess" generation is completely safe; the only threat is to the utilities' enormous profits.

I know that the public, if invited, would contribute many more worthy ideas for discussion before this vital subcommittee.

Thanks,  
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