

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

January 29, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Lee called the meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Daniel Lee, Council Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Kim Braun, Environmental Programs and
Operations Manager
Helen Chin, Management Analyst

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Lee invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Approval of Minutes for the October 25, 2018 Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 25, 2018 SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

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Item A-2

Energy Upgrade California (Laura Rosenthal)

Laura Rosenthal, Field Team Manager for Energy Upgrade California, provided background on herself and on the organization; discussed SB 350; work with Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) and other cities; outreach; partnerships with community organizations; critical customer groups; Energy Heroes; fact sheets; energy vampires; the Clean Power Alliance; Time of Use; partnerships with other organizations; government members; coordination with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Government Relations; linked web pages; social media; events; work with educators; new grants; she presented materials shared with businesses; and she discussed next steps.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Rosenthal, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding restrictions and parameters for grants; partnerships with the League of California Cities; money set aside for events; sponsorship opportunities; focusing on sustainability and equity; partnering with the chosen consultant; saving the City money; General Plan events focused on sustainability; the Sustainable Business Certification Program; the California Green Business Network; funding for Energy Upgrade California; statewide education paid for by IOUs; television commercials; Culver City events; reaching different target groups; state energy goals; partners; Grid Alternatives; the varied constituency in Culver City; disabled communities; learning centers; newsletter content; staff effort required to join the organization; integration with existing programs; co-branded small business material;

helping small businesses to be more energy efficient; providing staff with ready-made information to distribute; providing opportunities to cities; enhancing what is already in place; the proclamation; other organizations doing similar work; clarification that Energy Upgrade California has a contract with the CPUC; marketing and advertising; CicLAVia; locally generated content for social media; partner organizations; the Time of Use concept; rebates; giveaways; the Clean Power Alliance; defining the programs that communities actually want; the strategic planning process; and consensus of the Subcommittee to move forward.

Laura Rosenthal thanked the Subcommittee for their time and agreed to provide additional information.

Council Member Eriksson suggested that Laura Rosenthal contact the Independent Cities Association.

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Item A-3

Sustainable Pavement Discussion (Helen Chin)

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, provided background on the origin of the item; discussed research on what carbon neutrality means for pavement; sustainable pavement practices; the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) definition; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates; lifecycle of pavement materials; pavement composition; requiring contractors to use sustainable practices; pavement grindings; minimization of construction debris; and various material options and processes.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the Local Streets and Roads Assessment Committee; treatments for long segments vs. short segments; new technologies available; full depth recycling; and benefits and drawbacks of different materials.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding ranking greenhouse gas emissions from different types of pavement; the complicated nature of determining impacts through different parts of the process; tire recycling; transportation; shared facilities for Cold Central Plant projects; information on what other cities

do; challenges of space required; noise impacts; the importance of being cognizant of things the City does that generate greenhouse gases; new formulas to calculate impacts; storm water mitigation; permeable pavement; Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP) projects; and a suggestion to look into a pilot program for plastic roads in the Netherlands.

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Item A-4

Summary of Sustainability Achievements

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, provided an overview of energy efficiency and other sustainability achievements accomplished in 2018; discussed savings; awards received; compliance with AB 802; outreach and education; planning funds received through the Public Utilities Commission (PUC); and she discussed current and future projects as well as anticipated savings.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding a request for a visual for the information to include in the budget; Energy Upgrade California; and quantification of savings into a financial component.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Lee invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Subcommittee Members

Council Member Eriksson questioned whether data was available to illustrate the impact of the trash cans at Ballona Creek.

Sandrine Cassidy Schmidt, Ballona Creek Renaissance, discussed the amount of trash diverted during the annual Ballona Creek Cleanup; other clean up locations; and she agreed to provide data for Culver City.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding anecdotal evidence; location of trash; reduced amount of trash on the trail; trash from different sources; daily trash collection in Culver City; nets; additional trash cans in the surrounding areas; additional volunteer cleanup efforts; effectiveness of the trash cans; catch basin screens; the portion of the Creek that travels through Culver City; trash coming from upstream; steps taken to reduce the amount of trash in the Creek; cleanliness of the streets in Culver City; multi-agency jurisdiction; use of a Waste Wheel; and Request for Proposals (RFPs) received for the Storm Water Quality Master Plan.


Council Member Eriksson received consensus that a presentation be scheduled at a future meeting on creating jobs and utilizing homeless people to work on the trash recycling program.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:35 p.m., the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council adjourned its meeting.

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Jeremy Green
SECRETARY of the Culver City Sustainability Subcommittee of
the City Council Culver City, California

APPROVED



Daniel Lee
COUNCIL MEMBER, Sustainability Subcommittee of the City
Council Culver City, California