

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CULVER CITY  
SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

June 28, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Lee called the special meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

Present: Daniel Lee, Mayor  
Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Council Member

Staff Present: Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director  
Sean Singletary, Environmental Programs  
Operations Manager  
Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst  
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda**

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

No members of the public came forward to speak.

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**Receipt and File Correspondence**

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that correspondence received had been distributed.

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**Consent Calendar**

Item C-1

**Approval of Minutes for the November 10, 2020 Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY MAYOR LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020.

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**Order of the Agenda**

Mayor Lee noted that Items A-1 through A-4 were presentations from the Clean Power Alliance and would be heard continuously with questions from the public and Subcommittee Members taken at the end.

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**Agenda Items**

Item A-1

**Receive a Presentation from the Clean Power Alliance regarding the Net Energy Metering (Rooftop Solar) Program**

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer from the Clean Power Alliance, provided background on the Clean Power Alliance; indicated willingness to stop and answer questions at any time; discussed renewable energy; rates; transmission; forecasts; the under-collection by SCE (Southern California Edison); Net Energy Metering (NEM); solar; excess energy generated; disclosure of power sources; variations in sourcing; reevaluation of the NEM program; subsidies; legacy treatment; export compensation; non-bypassable charges; fixed charges; ensuring people pay their fair share; incentives for

low-income and disadvantaged customers; the Power Share Program; Community Solar; the CARE program for low-income customers; funding through the PUC (Public Utilities Commission); eligibility; and available discounts.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Langer, staff, and Subcommittee Members regarding SCE's Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (or "PCIA"); energy price volatility; transitioning to 100% renewable faster; community choice aggregations; pre-pay options to buy down obligations; bond financing; rooftop solar; residential rates vs. business rates; government buildings without solar; creation of micro-grids with larger buildings; Community Solar and Power Share; state money to support programs; SB 350; reasons for limiting over-production; rates paid for rooftop solar over-production; incentives for directing surplus energy to low-income communities; the PUC; backlash from the solar industry on potential fixed charges; policy direction at the state level; incentivizing export compensation; program design questions; donations; changing compensation mechanisms; limited participation; collaboration with the City on targeted outreach; mailers; identification of eligible people in the City; the Section 8 mailing list; adding information about Power Share to other state program intake applications and counseling; income qualifications; Habitat for Humanity; solar panels; community solar projects; service areas; collaboration with community schools; social services; matching renewable energy developers with member agencies with available sites; coordination with school districts; the CCUSD (Culver City Unified School District) bond measure to install solar panels; the Power Response Program; incentives; Smart Thermostats; device-based programs; and increasing engagement.

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Langer and Subcommittee Members regarding additional opportunities for the City to get the word out about initiatives that would benefit the community; participation in community events; Fiesta La Ballona; size of the City vs. who puts in the most energy; targeting seniors; aging in place; collaboration with the Senior Center; creation of a microgrid; providing assistance to emergency services; amount of energy provided; partnering with energy firms; consideration of alternative

methods; City Council consideration; funding; tax breaks; the amount of electricity needed; location; proximity; low-income housing; Los Angeles city vs. Los Angeles county; continuing programs; corporate partners; program timeline; and next steps.

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Item A-2

**Receive a Presentation from the Clean Power Alliance regarding the Power Share Program**

This Item was heard under Item A-1.

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Item A-3

**Receive a Presentation from the Clean Power Alliance regarding Electric Rate Setting and the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment**

This Item was heard under Item A-1.

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Item A-4

**Receive a Presentation from the Clean Power Alliance regarding Community Solar Program**

This Item was heard under Item A-1.

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Item A-5

**Receive a Presentation on Drought Status and Recent Changes in Water Use Regulations**

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst, provided a presentation on drought status and recent changes in water use regulations; discussed non-functional turf; reservoir levels; average national standards; landscape watering restrictions; watering regulations for trees vs. ornamental turf; commercial, industrial, and institutional regulations; the Governor's

Executive Order; reduced frequency and length of landscape watering allowed; and permitted watering hours.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding outreach; lack of ads regarding watering restrictions; the tiered system; penalties for using more than the allotment; enforcement; reporting; staffing; providing a suggestion to the City Council on priorities within Code Enforcement; the vacant Environmental Compliance position; a suggestion to invite someone from Code Enforcement to make a presentation at the next Subcommittee meeting; Golden State Water; confidential customer information; leaf blowers; information available on the website; a suggestion to send out an email blast with information and to post on social media; the climate crisis; future restrictions; and holding a City Council discussion about Code Enforcement.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda**

Mayor Lee invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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**Received and File Correspondence**

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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**Items from Subcommittee Members/Staff**

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding next meeting date; future agenda items; Reach Codes; inviting Code Enforcement officers to attend the next meeting; Subcommittee discussion of priorities; inviting representatives from Ballona Creek Renaissance to provide an update; updates from the School District; recycling/organics; collaborative purchasing; collaboration on stormwater remediation projects; the Costco project; and support for having hybrid meetings.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:57 p.m., the Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council adjourned to September 27, 2022.

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Alicia Ide  
SECRETARY of the Culver City Sustainability Subcommittee of  
the City Council in Culver City, California

APPROVED



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Daniel Lee  
MAYORCHAIR, Sustainability Subcommittee of the City Council  
in Culver City, California