



AGENDA

LA MESA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

A Special Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SPECIAL MEETING
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Total Time – 15 Minutes)
Members of the public may address the Commission on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the Commission until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 16, 2019
6. CITY STAFF UPDATES
7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL (Andrea Beth Damsky)
8. REVIEW OF MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Scott Munzenmaier)
9. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)
10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE – Monday, February 17, 2020

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
6:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

DRAFT MINUTES
December 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:02 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Andrea Beth Damsky, Chair	X
Ricky Williams, Vice-Chair	X
Stephen Grooms	
Ashley Simmons	X
Trey McDonald	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	X
Vacant	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	Excused absence
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	Excused absence
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa, San Diego 350; Jana Schwartz, Circulate San Diego

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean Costa suggested that we use real terms such as "climate crisis" and not "climate change". Jana Schwartz introduced herself as part of Circulate San Diego, a resident, and Ricky Williams' fiancé.

Mark Gracyk stated that the Park Appreciation Day was an exciting day.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2019

Action:	Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote:	4-0-1
Ayes:	Damsky, Williams, McDonald, Lonjaret
Noes:	None
Abstained:	Simmons
Absent:	Grooms

5. CITY STAFF UPDATES

Lyn Dedmon announced that Dudek was awarded the contract to work on the urban forest master plan. Andrea Beth Damsky asked if tree inventory management would be part of the master plan and Lyn answered that it would. The City applied for an Urban Corps grant to install 600' of sidewalk near Collier Park. The grant-funded SDSU Sage Project was presented in 12 classes and a summary would be made at the January meeting. There is no community garden update as they have not met and are still working on an agreement.

Scott Munzenmaier stated that a Commission candidate was interviewed by the City Council and if selected would be appointed in January.

6. RESCHEDULING OF JANUARY MEETING (Andrea Beth Damsky)

After discussion the Commission agreed to move January's meeting to Monday the 27th to avoid scheduling conflicts.

7. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret suggested adding goal 3.3 to the framework to get businesses on the Commission's side. Andrea Beth Damsky felt that quarterly recognition of businesses by the City Council would be helpful. Trey McDonald asked if this would conflict with City rules and Lyn Dedmon said that a structured approach should be okay. Trey stated that the Climate Action Plan (CAP) subcommittee was working with Jenny Lybeck on City operations and four goals of the implementation plan: transportation demand management; mode share; waste diversion; and a facilities master plan. Andrea Beth asked about metrics on the work plan and Trey said that establishing the goals should come first and that they also want to bring big ideas for the CAP to the Commission. Lyn stated that Jenny would be presenting a CAP implementation update to the City Council in March and Andrea Beth asked if the Commission should attend and that it be on the next Commission agenda. Ashley Simmons gave an update on the green/food waste recovery subcommittee and that an educational video was discussed. Scott Munzenmaier needs tracking milestones for the draft work plan and Ricky and Trey will provide.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret stated that La Mesa is not getting a lot of attention in the MTS plans and asked if there was anything that they could do. Lyn Dedmon said that future MTS plans may include raising the trolley above Spring Street to reduce traffic/pedestrian conflicts and improvements to bus stops. Jana Schwartz suggested working with the Community Relations and Veterans Commission. Jean-Guillaume asked if a recommendation could be submitted to the City Council and Scott Munzenmaier stated that it should be included on the work plan so that they would be aware of that goal.

Andrea Beth Damsky stated that Councilmember Weber asked her to schedule a meeting to discuss community garden ordinances.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

Scott Munzenmaier, Purchasing Officer

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**LA MESA
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
MISSION STATEMENT**

The City of La Mesa Environmental Sustainability Commission will advise the La Mesa City Council on actions, policies, programs, and regulations to preserve and enhance the quality of La Mesa's environment. Additionally, the Commission will promote education and awareness of environmental sustainability issues and foster advocacy, engagement and encourage public dialog within the community.

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**LA MESA
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
GOALS**

Awareness

Promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues.

Solid Waste

Minimize resource use, maximize recycling, promote proper disposal and recycling of hazardous waste.

Energy

Encourage the use of sustainable, clean energy and energy conservation.

Air

Promote clean air and greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Transportation

Encourage efficient transportation and walkability.

Land Use

Promote smart growth and sustainable development and quality of life.

Water

Promote clean water, water conservation, zero runoff, rain water harvesting and water recycling.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Draft Work Plan
2020**

Goals should be consistent with the City’s goals:

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents

Staffing Department: Public Works Department – Environmental Services Division

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Continue a subcommittee that will advise and assist the City with implementation of the Climate Action Plan.	Ongoing	Receive quarterly updates on progress	In progress
2. Review and advise on current City policies and ordinances and make recommendations for improvements to promote sustainability as needed.	Ongoing	Identify items as needed	In progress
3. Continue a subcommittee to advance community gardens by providing best practice examples and encouraging the city to develop a process for implementation.	Ongoing	1) Recommend updates to zoning ordinances 2) Report on possible school partnerships 3) Assist, facilitate and advise on any projects that may be implemented	In progress
4. Continue a subcommittee to explore issues regarding green/food waste recovery.	Ongoing	1) Host informational presentation 2) Progress updates	In progress

2020 Work Plan Draft Framework

Goal 1: Advise and assist City staff in the implementation of the Climate Action Plan

Sub-Goal 1.1: Identify at least two CAP measures and actions for which the Environmental Sustainability Commissions can provide assistance to City staff on implementation during the following year.

Sub-Goal 1.2: Provide as-needed review on CAP implementation actions as directed by City staff.

Sub-Goal 1.3: Provide and solicit ideas on measures that could be included in future CAP updates.

Goal 2: Research and present to the City sustainable practices and projects.

Sub-Goal 2.1: Identify and assist in implementation of additional projects that can provide financial savings to the City and can serve as examples to residents and local businesses.

Sub-Goal 2.2: Consult with similar commissions at other jurisdictions in the region to identify best practices in environmental sustainability.

Goal 3: Provide educational opportunities for residents and businesses in La Mesa related to environmental sustainability and Climate Action Plan implementation.

Sub-Goal 3.1: Assist City staff at public outreach events promoting the CAP or sustainability topic.

Sub-Goal 3.2: Host educational events that are available to the public that promote or provide insight on environmental sustainability topics.

Sub-Goal 3.3: Seek/develop/propose collaborative ways, or incentives, to engage businesses in progressively incorporating sustainable practices.