



AGENDA

LA MESA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. 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.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 18, 2019
5. CITY STAFF UPDATES
6. RESCHEDULING OF JANUARY MEETING (Andrea Beth Damsky)
7. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)
8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE - Tuesday, January 21, 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
November 18, 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	X
Ashley Simmons	(Excused absence)
Trey McDonald	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	X
Vacant	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	(Excused absence)
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	X
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst

Public: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 21, 2019
Action: Motion to approve minutes with changes
Vote: 6-0-1
Ayes: Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams, Lonjaret
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

5. CITY STAFF UPDATES

Jenny Lybeck announced that the Park Appreciation Day was held on November 9th at Harry Griffen Park and approximately 350 volunteers planted over 170 trees, which supports the Climate Action Plan. A workshop for the San Diego Regional Community Choice Energy Authority was held on November 16th in Chula Vista and the second board meeting will take place on November 21st, also in Chula Vista.

6. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)

Ricky Williams presented a draft framework of goals. Andrea Beth Damsky asked to review the 2019 work plans submitted by the Youth Advisory and Historic Preservation Commissions. The ES Commission's Mission Statement and long-term goals should be reviewed and possibly assigned to a new subcommittee. Ideas for new or updated work plan goals should be sent to Scott Munzenmaier to be compiled and provided to Andrea Beth and Ricky. The Work Plan will need to be approved by January and rescheduling that meeting should be placed on the December agenda due to a holiday conflict.

7. GREEN/FOOD WASTE RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Jenny Lybeck stated that the SDSU Sage Project would be presenting recommendations and could possibly schedule some the December or January meeting. A schedule of the presentations will be provided to the Commission when available.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret asked if everyone should provide at least one goal for the Work Plan and Andrea Beth Damsky stated that all ideas should be sent to Scott Munzenmaier.

Stephen Grooms stated that the discussion of some items by the Commission could start political debates. Joe Garuba suggested that those discussions needed to be framed to avoid any suggestion of bias and be kept general in nature.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Prepared by:

Scott Munzenmaier, Purchasing Officer

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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.

**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.