



**CITY OF GLENDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
June 3, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL – 5:33 PM**

- The meeting was called to order on June 3, 2021 at 5:30pm
- Present: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian and Khanjian
- Absent: Commissioner Pinkerton
- The Agenda for the June 3, 2021 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was posted on May 27, 2021 on the Bulletin Board outside City Hall

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission regular meeting held May 6, 2021**

Within an amendment of the minutes related to urban beekeeping in residential zones: change “public view” to “public right of way”

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian and Khanjian  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Pinkerton  
Abstain: None

**3. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS**

NONE

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Discussion is limited to items within the jurisdiction of the Sustainability Commission. Each Speaker is allowed 5 minutes. Sustainability Commission members may question or respond to the speaker, but there will be no debate or decision. The matter may be referred to staff for investigation and report.

NONE

## **5. ACTION ITEMS**

### **a. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

#### **1. Motion Selecting a Chairperson**

Motion to select Chairperson Bartrosouf

The Sustainability Commission hereby approves the Motion to elect Chairperson of the Sustainability Commission.

Ayes: Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian and Khanjian  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Pinkerton  
Abstain: None

#### **2. Motion Selecting a Vice Chairperson**

Motion to select Vice Chairperson Werner

The Sustainability Commission hereby approves the Motion to elect the Vice Chairperson of the Sustainability Commission

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Commissioners Kartounian and Khanjian  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Pinkerton  
Abstain: None

Commissioner Comments:

- Term for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will start on March 11, 2021
- 1-year term from when acting appointment was made.

### **b. City Pledge to the Race to Zero Campaign**

#### **1. Motion Recommending City Council's Pledge to Participate in the Race to Zero Campaign**

Commissioner Comments:

- Who sets the goals for pledge?
- Who decides what Glendale's 'fair share' is?
- What is the annual fee?
- There are incentives for establishing these targets, should be include in Climate Action Plan
- Partner with Ilkley in order to take advantage of reporting tools and advice
- Pledge must be signed prior to November 2021
- Interested in seeing the short- and medium- term goals

The Sustainability Commission hereby approves the Motion to recommend as amended directing staff to provide the Commission's recommendations that City Council joins the Race to Zero Campaign before November 2021.

Moved by Vice Chairperson Werner  
Seconded by Chairperson Bartrosouf

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners  
Kartounian and Khanjian  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Pinkerton  
Abstain: None

### **c. Regulation of Disposable Foodware Accessories**

#### **1. Motion Recommending the City Council Direct Staff Prepare an Ordinance to Regulate the use of Disposable Foodware Accessories**

Callers: 2

Commissioner Comments:

- Create a document comparing the Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County ordinances.
- Los Angeles City hasn't been successful in making this work, requesting a consistent mandate or ordinance so it is easier to follow. A coordinated committee would be ideal for a universal ordinance.
- After the on request ordinance is passed, Glendale can consider implementing a ban, this is how Los Angeles is proceeding. Gives more time for retailers to comply, they can deplete the supplies they have on-hand
- Have someone look into LA County 'bring your own' AB619 for the status of the rules. LA County health has not given guidelines.
- Requesting no self-serve containers
- This isn't a full ban, just having people request single-use plastic foodware.
- LA County does not apply to Glendale (only unincorporated areas). City of LA already mandated
- Look into washable and biodegradable utensils
- Suggesting an accelerated and aggressive phasing approach

The Sustainability Commission hereby approves the Motion as amended directing staff to delay making a decision until Los Angeles County finalizes their decision and follow after them.

Moved by Vice Chairperson Werner

Seconded by Chairperson Bartrosouf

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners  
Kartounian and Khanjian  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Pinkerton  
Abstain: None

## **6. REPORTS/INFORMATION**

### **a. Department Information Session – Community Services and Parks**

Director Onnig Bulanikian sharing a PowerPoint presentation regarding sustainability efforts:

1. Water conservation and irrigation
2. Field Lighting
3. Landscape maintenance equipment
4. Tree planting and preservation
5. Drought tolerant plant selection

Current and Future Sustainability Goals

Working on LCA (Life Cycle Assessment), meeting with vendor next week to conduct the study (parks commission and sustainability commission) Will be returning to commission with a report on artificial turf

Callers: 2

Commissioner Comments:

- There has been positive feedback with battery operated equipment.
- Concerns with backpack weight because the battery packs are heavy, looking for ways to make them lighter and smaller. Battery powered equipment is heavy.
- How can the city take care of the batteries (in terms of trash)—battery management
- Consult South Pasadena because they went ALL electric first.
- Funding through AQMD (possible \$50,000 rebate)
- Heavy batteries may cause issues if they are used for long periods of time
- Adding park space, in relation to number of residents, the City of Glendale falls short, particularly in South Glendale. (Blue Ribbon Report)
- Servicing the parks--Amount of weeds are concerning- commissioner suggests doing a walkthrough about maintenance when comparing South and North Glendale-there are disparities between.
- Butterfly garden/ refuge: ask Home Owners Association to look into the program and how/if Glendale can make that happen.

- Green space over the highway
- Ban on gas-powered equipment can be difficult in terms of economic feasibility: Helping gardeners/landscapers employed by homeowners obtain electric powered equipment
- Focus on South Glendale for open space projects (equity issue) denser part of the city so noise pollution and air pollution effects are higher.
- Expand reclaimed water to Pelanconi Park and Fremont Park. Short-term goals to assess facilities for expanding the reclaimed water do not exist. Should be added to the Climate Action Plan.
- Share with the public that The City of Glendale is using reclaimed water
- Will lighting elements within parks be converted to LED?
- Will there be all LED lights in parks by a certain date?
- As parks are renovated, LED fixtures are being installed

**b. Primer: Ralph M. Brown Act**

Chief Assistance City Attorney provided the primer on the Ralph M. Brown Act

Commissioner Comments:

- Tips are specific to our communications among commissioners/ legislative bodies, not the public.
- Subject matter cannot be discussed with opinions or positions outside of official meetings (such as commission meetings where these issues will be coming before them for consideration)
- Who is in violation of the Brown Act when an issue takes place?

**7. SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE UPDATES**

**a. Student Ex-Officio Recruitment**

Commissioner Comments:

- There were 9 applications passed to the sub-committee. Establish interviews for students—commissioners working on questions to ask students
- 2 students will be selected
- Interviews will be conducted next week

**b. Single Use Plastics Update**

Commissioner Comments:

- Gone into effect at city sponsored events

#### **c. Department Information Session – Glendale Water and Power**

Commissioner Comments:

- GWP is planning to speak at next meeting.
- Take questions to GWP in advance so they can answer at the next meeting. Encourage commissioners to send their questions in advance. Relay questions to David Jones by June 21
- Could potentially be 2 sessions (Power in July and Water in August) because it is too broad to cover both in one day
- Will be within context of sustainability: commissioners will guide what GWP talks about

#### **d. Environmental Preferable Purchasing**

Commissioner Comments:

- Staff requested item to be moved to the August meeting

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **9. ADJOURNMENT 7:50pm**

Moved by Chairperson Bartrosouf

Seconded by Vice Chairperson Werner