



**CITY OF GLENDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
July 1, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL – 5:30 PM**

- The meeting was called to order on July 1, 2021 at 5:30pm
- Present: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian and Pinkerton
- The Agenda for the July 1, 2021 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was posted on June 24, 2021 on the Bulletin Board outside City Hall

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission regular meeting held June 3, 2021**

Commissioner Comments:

- Item C: Regulation of disposable foodware accessories, LA City has been successful, recommending Glendale making something similar
- It's not just single use plastic, it is any single-use foodware
- Bring attention to word "biodegradable" it is "greenwashing". Biodegradable items do not break down in landfills
- Substitute composable where there are industrial composting facilities available

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian and Pinkerton

Noes: None

Absent: None

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. Selection of Student Ex Officio non-voting members**

Presentation by David Jones

Commissioner Comments:

- Tell more about the other 6 applicants, how was the Commission able to narrow down the selection?
- Can the spreadsheet with the questions and students ratings be shared ?
- Can the students be sworn in the next meeting?

The Sustainability Commission hereby appoints Henri Gang and Andrea Prado as student ex-officio members of the Sustainability Commission pursuant to the selection process described in the July 1, 2021 staff report from the City's Sustainability Officer, based on the recommendations from the Sustainability Commission's Student Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee.

Moved by Vice Chairperson Werner  
Seconded by Commission Member Khanjian

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner ,Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian, and Pinkerton

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Sustainability Officer David Jones reporting on Skip the Stuff report

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'Skip the Stuff' review

Requirements

- Dispensing
- Safety
- Opt In

- Education and Outreach

3 alternatives proposed

Callers: 1

Commissioner Comments:

- Please revisit slide 14 (alternatives)
- Self-serve stations defeat the purpose
- LA County can prompt the customer
- Caution must be taken when asking how much customers will need (EX: ask how many forks or sauces the customer would like)
- Would the ordinance cover food trucks?
- The word “food facilities” includes food trucks.
- LA County Exemption: Healthcare facilities
- Possible waiver for healthcare facilities to opt out of this ordinance
- Glendale is picking and choosing pieces from LA County and LA City Ordinances
- How would Glendale manage outreach
- Penalty 1 should be a warning rather than a financial penalty
- Requesting for signage to be posted in Glendale offices
- City of LA requires signage requiring customers to ask for single-use foodware
- City of Los Angeles possibly sharing “mailer” that goes to all food facilities. Can double as a sign to be hung in food facilities
- Phone number or contact if there are concerns or questions
- What are the enforcement methods?
- Disconnect in training within staff

The Sustainability Commission hereby recommends the City Council direct staff to prepare an ordinance regulating the distribution of disposable foodware accessories based on the direction of The Sustainability Commission.

Moved by Chairperson Bartrosouf  
Seconded by Vice Chairperson Werner

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

## **6. Reports/ Information**

### **a. A Just Transition to Clean Energy**

Sharing for informational purposes.

Commissioner Comments:

- Most abandoned well-fields have been repurposed

## **7. Sustainability Office Updates**

### **a. Sustainability Intern Projects**

Alex, Student Intern from La Crescenta High School, is working with LA Compost to create a program within Glendale. This will allow for residents of Glendale to easily compost.

Melanis is working on education materials. Educational program focusing on how to be plastic free. Action item allowing community will be involved, sign a pledge, and give feedback.

### **b. Climate Action Plan**

Adaptation and Action plan will be discussed in August to review the Request for Proposal (RFP)

Researching equity issues

Commissioner Comments:

- What is the timeline?
- Internal Sustainability Working Group

### **c. August Agenda Update**

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) Presentation will be in August. New director asked to delay meeting

Make sure questions are directly related to the sustainability efforts of GWP in Glendale

Environmental preferable purchasing program

Commissioner Comments:

- What was the reason for postponing Glendale Water and Power presentation
- Water presenting in August
- Power presenting in September

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Comments:

- Car sharing with electric cars. “Blue LA”, “Motion” in West LA
- What are Earth Day 2022 Plans ? Showcase what Glendale Sustainability is doing so the public can be aware. A chance to celebrate.
- Nearby Sustainability Commissions (Pasadena and Burbank) work on food waste in Airports and Events. Zero Waste Events
- May 11 meeting- staff has been asked to create a report on the Legacy Trees
- Electrification of vehicle fleet. Lyft is committing to all electric by a certain year. What is the approach for taxis? How can Glendale have taxi services move toward electrification?
- Who hosts the Earth Day Events, if there have been any, in Glendale?
- AstroTurf for playing fields. Looking into a lifecycle assessment and a scope of work. Study will go back to community service and parks commission first

**9. ADJOURNMENT 6:50pm**

Moved by Chairperson Bartrosouf

Seconded by Vice Chairperson Werner