



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

1. ROLL CALL – 5:30 PM

- The meeting was called to order on August 5, 2021 at 5:30pm
- Present: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian and Pinkerton. Student Ex-Officio Members: Henri Gang and Andrea Prado
- Absent: None
- The Agenda for the August 5, 2021 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was posted August 1, 2021 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission regular meeting held July 1, 2021

Motion to approve with correction. Under commissioner comments “Substitute compostable where there are industrial composting facilities available”, the word “compostable” is a form of ‘greenwashing’. The City of Glendale is unaware of any industrial facilities that collect “compostable plastics”.

First: Commissioner Pinkerton

Second: Chairperson Bartrosouf

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

Thanking Glendale Water and Power for providing reusable bags for the National Night Out event.

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. REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. Grayson Environmental Report Update

Howard Wong, Director of Risk Management, sharing a presentation

- GWP Overview
- Grayson Repower Timeline
- Originally Proposed Project
- Clean Energy RFP
- New Local Clean Energy Insights
- SCAQMD Rule 1135 Impacts
- 2019 Integrated Resource Plan
- 100% Clean Energy by 2030 Study
- September 2019 Rolling Blackouts
- Southern Transmission System
- Two New Project Alternatives
- Consequences of No Decision
- Next Steps

Draft EIR will be published and will have a period for comments from the public before finalization.

Commissioner Comments:

- Are units 1-5 currently in use?
- When the units are removed, where will Glendale get power?
- During conversion, are units operational?
- What is the status for getting community solar? Any specific areas in mind?
- Is Glendale providing a net meter aggregation program?
- Fee and tariff program? What is prohibiting Glendale from utilizing this program?
- What are the geo-thermal sources?
- Peak savings program- How many people have signed up?
- Relying on our neighbors: Do we have connections with Edison? Are we looking into this?
- Impact of wildfires cause by infrastructure

- How much progress, in megawatts, has Glendale made locally to address energy needs?
- Glendale should explore other options for power, such as solar.
- Will the EIR address top energy users? Targeting certain users in order to reduce peak energy usage: provide an incentive for top users to participate in a voluntary program to reduce energy usage
- Streetlight program: Transitioning to full LED in the City of Glendale. Would like to see a commitment from GWP to be fully LED by a certain date.

b. Glendale Water and Power–Water

Michael De Ghetto, Chief Assistant General Manager of Water, sharing a PowerPoint presentation regarding sustainability measures within their department:

- Types of Use: most water usage is residential.
- Codes and Enforcement
- GWP Water Conservation Programs (available for businesses and residents)
- Early Adopter of Sustainable Practices
- Pioneers in Recycling
- Recycled System
- Water Energy Nexus

Commissioner Comments:

- Types of use chart: Does the single-family water usage offset multifamily home water usage? Maybe use another graph to more accurately represent the curve.
- Why is water usage measured and represented in HCF (hundred cubic feet) rather than gallons?.
- Is the jump in summer usage credited to outdoor watering, such as lawns?
- Is there a percentage of updated turf lawns in Glendale?
- How are rebate amounts set?
- If a resident is renovating their yard, renovations require permits. Is Glendale Water working with any retailers that sell gardening products or landscape architects to help spread the word about the program?
- With a shared meter, there is no incentive for residents to repair a leak. Maybe the City can incentivize residents.
- Have you found an ideal ordinance for retrofitting?
- How many people have enrolled for peak savings program?

- Smart Home Update Program: 1/3 of residential are single family. It is important to highlight that the single family units use the same amount of water as the rest of the 2/3 (multifamily units).
- City should explore new strategies of sharing programs, like the Smart Home Upgrade Program, in order to make it more accessible for residents.
- What are your projections of reclaimed water use? Are these percentages increasing?
- What percentage of our water comes from ground water?
- Does most of the water coming out of the water reclamation plant go into the LA River?

c. Climate Action Plan–RFP Update

Sustainability Officer, David Jones, sharing a presentation updating the commission on the progress of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

- CAP Goal
- Scope of Services
- Task 1: Project Management
- Task 2: Community Education and Engagement
- Task 3: Equity & Climate Change
- Task 4: Review GGP/ Emissions Analysis
- Task 5: Greenhouse Gas Emission Forecasting
- Task 6: Goal Setting
- Task 7: Strategy Selection
- Task 8: Develop Short- and long-term funding and implementation plan
- Task 9: Develop tools for monitoring and tracking
- Task 10: Draft final plan and environmental documentation

Commissioner Comments:

- When do you project the finalization of the RFP?
- Will the RFP be shared with the Sustainability Commission?
- In one slide, short- and long-term goals were identified. Would like to see a shorter term of strategies and objectives, such as goals that can be met in 1-3 years. 2030 seems too far away. Focus on short term, high-impact strategies.

d. Sustainable Purchasing Program–Update

David Jones providing an update on the Sustainable Purchasing Program

- Previous Council Actions
- SPP- Goals
- Year one goals

- Year two goals
- Year three goals

Commissioner Comments:

- The word "Specification" is used frequently. Clarifying term on page 3 in the report: "Specify government or third-party verified green specifications", by that do you mean that Glendale will require that the EPD's products are third-party verified? Change terminology to say "EPD's be third-party verifiable or certifiable."
- "Extended producer responsibilities" insert a verb there to say something such as "include extended producer responsibilities"
- "C. Review contracts to see what is coming up..". Research should be done before the contract goes out in order to implement ideas more efficiently. It will be too late to scope sustainability opportunities
- combine "office supply vendors- specify default green option" with "develop a core green market basket"
- "Researching an efficient method to track the spending of sustainable and environmental green purchasing" suggesting the division of purchasing categories such as durable goods, consumables, construction and remodels, and services.
- indoor air quality is 2-5 times worse than outside air quality which could be credited to cleaning products, new furniture, etc. Add a bullet point to include products that are low emitting and low VOC to improve indoor air quality.
- List of Green Programs under the Year One Goals bullet point 5, add BIFMA to the list. BIFMA focuses on environmentally preferable office furniture.
- SEAQMD 11-13 and 11-68 goals should be included
- 3-5 years to implement is too long
- EPP/ EPR ordinance was not mentioned.
- Default to what the EPACPG recommends as recycled content, they have 16 other categories
- Is paper one of the largest buys?
- Is motor oil one of the largest buys? As Glendale converts to an electric fleet, motor oil will be phased out.
- US EPA: Utilize the levels for post consumer recycled content
- Ignore lifecycle assessments (LCA)
- Put the EPP report work on the vendor rather than completing it yourself.
- Narrow the items you let staff use, choose the specific items that are refillable and do not use plastic.

- 5.4 on page 7. Comparing printer paper, recycled paper is more expensive. What will staff do in this situation, purchase cost-effective products or environmentally friendly products?
- Price should not be a factor. Go with the national standard, 30% recycled materials.

e. Reach Code- Information Report

Amy Rider from the Building Decarb Coalition sharing a presentation

- Building Electrification: new construction only
- 4 appliances: water heating, space heating, clothes drying, and cooktops
- Electrification improves affordability
- Indoor air pollution from burning gas indoors, specifically in homes.
- Indoor air pollution contributes to outdoor air pollution
- State Energy Code and Local Reach Code
- Reach code adoption process
- New Construction Approaches
- 48 local governments have taken action

Commissioner Comments:

- Utility rates are higher in gas powered buildings
- People should have the ability to choose whether or not they use gas
- Please clarify the state energy code moving to all electric by 2023.
- Reach code would apply for new development
- This is a very small means of easing the City of Glendale's dependence on fossil fuels.

Misti Brucer, sharing a presentation regarding Statewide Codes and Standards on behalf of the Reach Codes Program

- Glendale Cost-effectiveness Analyses
- Analysis Features and Considerations
- Residential New Construction Electrification Analysis Results
- Nonresidential New Construction Electrification Analysis Results
- Existing Single Family Retrofits
- Ordinance Options
- Codes and Standards
- Cost-effectiveness Explorer

Commissioner Comments:

- If the City became all electric, what measures will be taken to reduce the burden on groups that rely on gas? When gas prices rise what will be done in order to protect the public?

- Natural gas emits particulates, like carbon monoxide, that can be deadly, especially indoors.
- Have you thought about trying a phased approach?
- How quickly is the process moving forward in Glendale?

6. ACTION ITEMS

Moved by
Seconded by

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

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7. SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE UPDATES

a. Zero Waste Picnic

The Office of Sustainability is hosting a Zero Waste Picnic on Saturday, August 21, 2021, 11am- 2pm at Verdugo Park. Visit Glendaleca.gov/ZeroWastePicnic for more information about this event.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner comments:

- Los Angeles will be sharing artwork for businesses to use for the “food ware accessories upon request” within the next 10 days.
- Burbank Airport Pilot Program for food rescue and food waste collection.

Motion to request the Burbank Airport to provide a report sharing current progress.

- Moved by Commissioner Pinkerton
- Seconded by Chairperson Bartrosouf

9. ADJOURNMENT 9:10pm

Moved by Vice Chairperson Werner
Seconded by Commissioner Kartounian