



CITY OF GLENDALE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 7, 2021 AT 5:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL – 5:30 PM

- The meeting was called to order on June 3, 2021 at 5:30pm
- Present: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian, and Pinkerton. Ex-Officio Gang and Prado.
- The Agenda for the October 7, 2021 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was posted Friday October 1, 2021 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission regular meeting held August 5, 2021

b. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission regular meeting held September 2, 2021

Commissioner Comments:

- Minutes should have a header on each page and page numbers
- Pdf page 7: Item 5: Reports Information: D, commissioner comments (bullet number 9) SCAQMD 1113 and SCAQMD 1168.
- EPA CPG Program
- Utility rates are higher in all electric powered buildings
- No Action Items, remove the placeholder

Moved by Commissioner Pinkerton

Seconded by Vice Chairperson Werner

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian and Pinkerton. Ex-Officio Gang and Prado

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

- More action items should brought to the table.
- The process should be shared more clearly, such as when items go to council.

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.

5. REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. Equity & Climate Action & Adaptation Plan

Presentation by Greg Kajszo from Innovation and Performance Office

Commissioner Comments:

- What is the budget for a contractor?
- The Pedestrian Plan did a great job of highlighting what improvements should be prioritized, maybe Glendale can do the same with the Climate Action Plan
- Very happy with the timeline
- How long does the consultant have to complete the CAP?
- Earth Day collaboration or outreach

b. Glendale Water and Power – Presentation on Green Power Programs

Presentation by 4 members of Glendale Water and Power: Greg Kuennen sharing historical numbers, Herbert Garcia discussing current programs for low-income energy

efficiency and other similar programs, Dan Scorza regarding GWP owned local solar and storage program, and Chie Valdez sharing clean energy programs, future programs and a discussion of renewable resources.

Commissioner comments:

- How is the TRC value found?
- Why use the term “First-year energy savings”
- Slide 27- How long will it take to assess all buildings for solar power?
- Slide 29- Is this project utilizing LED lights?
- Slide 30- Can a customer participate in the Sunrun program and have PV on their own home?
- Slide 31- Label what type of power the sites are. Hoover is not considered renewable.
- How many megawatts per year are being installed for residential vs commercial?
- What percentage of installations actually received the incentives aforementioned?
- Slide 28- Thermostat program was launched with only 2 brands
- When the new thermostats come online, will an email be sent to those who sign up?
- What is the 4 year timeline?
- What percentage of low-income residents are reached with these programs?
- Is language a barrier? Is program promotion or outreach the issue?
- Individuals who purchase solar are usually those who can afford upfront costs. This is a place where we can focus on equity and give all residents the opportunity to afford solar power.
- Building electrification: Will Glendale be offering rebates for heat pumps?
- Does Glendale or GWP provide EV advisory services?
- In the presentation, it was mentioned that residents like to see GWP as a trusted source for rebates. Maybe Glendale can create an external website.
- Educational program could be tailored to a larger audience of students.
- Is the City planning anything to mandate the percentage of parking spaces for EV or charging?
- Create a set of recommendations to share with Council to make the transition for the City to EV easier.
- Slide 4- \$46 million breakdown per program: how much energy saving does each program give the city?

- Slide 5- Of the 20,000 KW installed, how much has been installed in the city-owned facilities?
- Slide 9- 17,000 households should be broken down into household type, such as single-family or multi-family households.
- Were EV Charging Rebate Program already in place?
- Slide 23- Recommending the parking lot behind Porto's as a location
- Slide 25- the number is growing but it is too low!
- Slide 27- Owner's Engineer for City-Owned Properties: Structural issues will be looked at and a prioritized list of locations will be produced by summer 2022.
- 100 property list includes reservoirs, does this include hillsides or open land as well?
- Slide 28- Are you able to project if the program is on track, in terms of enrollment targets?
- Is there an opportunity to create an incentive program for multi-family housing units through the Sunrun program?
- How will these programs work when certain individuals are excluded?

c. Legacy Trees

There is currently no formal program in place. Questions will be relayed to staff.

Commissioner Comments:

- Informative PowerPoint was given by staff at council meeting, recommending the information to be shared and implemented into the formal report.
- Glendale has the goal of 25% tree canopy, overall Glendale is at 20%. South Glendale, in general, is lacking trees.
- According to the report given, \$398 to replace a lost tree. Twice as many trees are lost than are being planted.
- Suggestion for staff to add this topic to a future agenda for further discussion

d. EarthDay2022

Requesting ideas and suggestions from the commission for April 2022 Earth Day Celebration.

Commissioner Comments:

- Is there a budget for this event?
- Focus on making this program a game or trivia with a reward.
- Recommending a sub-committee or a volunteer group to share ideas.

- Earth Day should be a day of action. The city can show the residents what is being done, ie tree planting or a tree giveaway.
- GEC facilitated a litter cleanup
- No reference to Peak Energy Program
- Suggestion to have a smaller group plan Earth Day

Motion to create Ad Hoc committee to plan Earth Day 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Khanjian

Seconded by: Commissioner Kartounian

Ayes: Chairperson Bartosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioners Kartounian, Khanjian, and Pinkerton. Ex-Officio Gang and Prado.

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

e. Car Sharing Blue LA

Waiting for a response from Blink Mobility, who run the car sharing program. Will bring report back to Commission when information is available

f. Food Waste in Airports, Zero Waste Events

Requested for the Airport to provide Commissioners with a tour of the Airport, waiting for response from Burbank Airport. City of Burbank reached out regarding AB 1826, waiting to hear back from the Airport.

Commissioner Comments:

- Surfrider Foundation plans to address Burbank Airport

6. SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE UPDATES

- Creation of Sustainability Newsletter by our Intern, Melanis.
- Working with Parks to collaborate with future events
- City Council meeting on October 19, EPP Report has been submitted.

- On November 19, The Office of Sustainability will be tabling at The Big Cats Event, a collaboration with Parks and Community Development
- November 4, building electrification will be brought to the Sustainability Commission
- December or January, Community Development visiting the Sustainability Commission
- Collaboration with GUSD and GCC for future collaboration events.

Commissioner Comments:

- Creating a list of paper products the City of Glendale shouldn't be purchasing
- Please update the commissioners when the Newsletter is published

7. ADJOURNMENT at 8:22pm

Moved by Vice Chairperson Werner

Seconded by Chairperson Bartrosouf

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None