



CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16, 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

Minutes contain a summary of the discussion and actions taken by the Climate Action Commission during a meeting. Climate Action meetings are audio recorded. The audio recordings capture the complete proceedings of the meeting and are available for review.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson McClune called the meeting to order 5:32 PM.

Present: Chairperson Michael McClune, Vice Chairperson Mika Nagamine, Councilmember David Zito, Commissioners, John Kellogg, Greg Coleson, Michelle Buchanan, Lane Sharman, Heidi Dewar

Junior Commissioners: Hayden Crocker (arrived at 5:47)

Absent: Commissioner Ken Flagg, Junior Commissioner Georgina Wallerius

Also Present: Nicole Grucky, Senior Management Analyst; Tiffany Wade, Associate Planner

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Dewar. Seconded by Zito. Approved 8/0/1 (Absent: Flagg) **Motion Carried.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 18, 2024

Motion: Moved by Zito. Seconded by Coleson. Approved 8/0/1 (Absent: Flagg) **Motion Carried.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT OUT

- a) Pollinator Friendly City -

Commissioner Dewar reported that the group has met to discuss their goals and they are meeting with City staff on 10/17. One of their goals will be to create a plant list.

Vice Chair Nagamine asked how they are going to be organizing the lists? Commissioner Dewar stated that they would be breaking down the plant list by native, drought-tolerant. The list would also include trees.

b) Localized Energy -

Commissioner Sharman reported that the group has created a document that states their goals. He will send the document to City staff to share with the entire Commission. Their primary goals include building electrification and looking into the creation of 'Solana Electric', which would cover the retail side of a Community Choice Aggregation. Vice Chair Nagamine reported that Commissioner Flagg (not present) had done research on electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. They believe that they need to do more research on the reliability of charging, as it appears to be the wild west. Nagamine has also had conversations with SunRun to learn more about solar and storage and the difference between owning vs. leasing a system, and exploring what might be a viable option on municipal buildings.

Councilmember Zito stated that he is interested in a self-contained EV charging station - where it does not need to be connected into the grid and has its own solar and battery system.

Commissioner Sharman stated that he is interested in exploring lobbying the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to encourage SDG&E to increase local build out.

c) Community Outreach –

Commissioner Kellogg reported that this sub-committee is still in the brainstorming phase and they hope to have more to report at the next meeting. One area of focus will be on content size for the different mediums – social media, flyers, and newsletter articles. As well as working with City staff to have an effective way to share and archive content the sub-committee is creating.

Vice Chair Nagamine brought up an initiative by The Switch is On, who is hosting House Parties, featuring all-electric Homes.

d) Building Performance Standards -
Nothing to report.

6. JUNIOR COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Nothing to report.

7. NEW/PROPOSED BUSINESS: New or proposed business provides an opportunity for Commissioners to discuss items not on the agenda but that may be added to the CAC agenda/workload at a future date. Pursuant to the Brown Act, there will be no action taken on these items.

City Staff, Nicole Grucky, announced that the Climate Action Plan was adopted by Council on October 9th, 2024.

Ms. Grucky also listed upcoming events, including bike events and a beach clean-up.

Chair McClune stated that the State passed a bill that will prioritize bicycles and pedestrians when building new streets and wondering if that is a policy that the City should look at adopting. Chair McClune requested to add to the next agenda, where they will provide a brief update on the State legislation.

Commissioner Dewar mentioned that she was interested in learning more about Commissioner Sharman's idea about mobilizing around SDG&E and promoting local build out. Commissioner Coleson seconded the idea. Councilmember Zito suggested that the focus should be on taking the idea to State representatives. Commissioner Sharman agreed to do additional research and bring back a presentation to the Commission at a future meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 6:12 pm.



Nicole Grucky, Senior Management Analyst

Approved: 12/18/2024