



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Commissioner Hogg called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Deputy Director Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioner Batilo, Hogg, Oliver, Parikh; Alternate Commissioner Cayabyab; Student Commissioner Tony; Vice Mayor Chua; Deputy PW Director Marshall; Staff Vergara and Sustainability Fellow Connors. ABSENT: Chair Mbuga; Commissioner Acosta, Bush; Alternate Commissioner Coronel.
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Commissioner Hogg led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Commissioner No. 2 Cayabyab was seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for December 20, 2023 as submitted. Motion/Second Batilo/Hogg Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for November 15, 2023. Motion/Second Hogg/Oliver Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1
PUBLIC FORUM	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Deputy Director Marshall introduced Pranav Parikh and Mario Cayabyab as the newly appointed Commissioner and Alternate Member No. 2, respectively. Commissioner Parikh shared that he is a Milpitas resident that is interested in contributing back to the community. Alternate Commissioner Cayabyab is also a Milpitas resident who is interested in community service work and enjoys the diversity in the Milpitas.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. SMART Shuttle Update Staff Phung of the Planning Department shared a presentation with background information on the Milpitas SMART shuttle program and provided updates regarding program funding, operational changes, program performance, and marketing and outreach efforts. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and provided feedback and suggestions for increasing ridership. Commissioner Parikh expressed support for the program, and Vice Mayor Chua and Commissioner Oliver shared their experiences using the program and similar programs in other cities.

b. City Attorney Brown Act Training Availability

Commissioners discussed their availability for attending the City Attorney's Brown Act training for newly appointed Commissioners and any other members that would like to attend. The Commissioners agreed that a training on Thursday, January 11 would work best for the majority of the group. Staff Marshall will provide feedback to City Attorney's Office.

c. Earth Day 2024 Planning Brainstorm

The Commissioners reviewed activities from past Earth Day events to brainstorm for Earth Day 2024. Student Commissioner Tony proposed holding another essay contest and starting promotions for the contest earlier to increase participation; Tony also proposed an environment-themed bingo game for the event. Commissioner Batilo suggested an induction cooktop demo and Commissioner Parikh suggested an art contest. Commissioner Oliver suggested choosing a theme to focus on and holding smaller projects around the City during Earth Month.

LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor Chua shared her experience speaking at the California Science and Technology University in Milpitas and attending a recent Silicon Valley Clean Energy retreat.

Vice Mayor Chua shared that she will propose creating a "Going Electric Corner" page for the City website and an office hour event specifically for electrification projects, called "Going Electric Tuesday," similar to ADU Mondays to City Council.

Deputy Director Marshall reminded Commissioners that the regular January meeting has been rescheduled for January 24, 2024.

Sustainability Fellow Connors announced that she will be organizing an induction cooktop demo at the Lunar New Year event in February.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hogg adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.