



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Mbuga called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Deputy Director Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Chair Mbuga; Commissioners Batilo, Bush, Hogg, Oliver, and Parikh; Student Commissioner Tony; Deputy PW Director Marshall; Staff Vergara; Sustainability Fellow Connors. ABSENT: Commissioners Acosta; Alternate Commissioner Cayabyab and Coronel; Vice Mayor Chua.
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Mbuga led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	No alternates were seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for April 17, 2024 as submitted. Motion/Second: Bush/Batilo Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for March 20, 2024. Motion/Second: Parikh/Bush Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Commissioner Oliver expressed interest in the City's efforts to reduce the use of single use plastics and food waste production. Chair Mbuga asked the Commissioners if there is consensus to add the topic as an agenda item for the August meeting; the Commissioners agreed.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Continuation of Earth Day Planning Deputy PW Director Marshall shared information about the Earth Day event including venue layout, stage schedule, set up-time, and a video interview opportunity for the Commissioners. Chair Mbuga volunteered to be interviewed. Submissions for the Youth Earth Day Essay and Photo Contests were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners selected the winners and prize amounts as follows: Anand Kurup in 1st place (\$150) and Samarth Iyer in 2nd place (\$100) for the middle school photo contest, and Akshara Gudipati in 1st place (\$100) for the high school essay contest.

Following the selection of winners, Chair Mbuga asked the group how they could increase engagement for next year's youth Earth Day activities. Student Commissioner Tony and Commissioners Batilo, Bush, Hogg, Parikh, and Oliver provided suggestions, such as art contests, youth designed social media campaigns, environmental-related facility tours, park or creek cleanup contests, having a science liaison, and improving the incentives for participating in the activities.

LIAISON REPORT

Deputy Director Marshall reminded the Commissioners to RSVP and attend the City's Commissioner Recognition Event on Thursday, April 25. She provided details about the City's Neighborhood Cleanup Event on May 11.

Staff Vergara shared details about National River Cleanup Day 2024 on Saturday, May 18. The City will be hosting a creek cleanup at Beryessa Creek, near Los Coches St. and S. Hillview Dr.

Sustainability Fellow Connors provided reminders about the upcoming Family Game Night on May 23 and Family Camp Out on June 8, where she will be doing outreach to promote electrification.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.