



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Mbuga called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Deputy Director Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Chair Mbuga; Commissioners Bush, Oliver, and Sankaran; Councilmember Chua; Deputy PW Director Marshall; Staff Vergara. ABSENT: Commissioner Acosta, Batilo, and Parikh; Student Commissioner Tony.
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 November 20, 2024 as submitted. Motion/Second: Bush/Sankaran Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for November 20, 2024. Motion/Second: Batilo/Sankaran Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	None.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Climate Film and Discussion Event The Commission agreed to host a screening and discussion of <i>The Human Element</i> and <i>Saving Snow</i> on Sunday, March 23 from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Milpitas Library auditorium. The Commission discussed outreach plans and ways to incentivize participation in the event. Commissioner Oliver suggested placing a poster at the library, and Chair Mbuga and Commissioner Sankaran suggested promoting the event on the City's social media accounts and online event registration platforms. Commissioners Oliver and Sankaran suggested direct outreach to MUSD teachers and academic clubs. Staff Vergara will create a draft poster to be shared online and at various facilities by the next meeting. The Commission will begin assigning event tasks at the next meeting, and continue planning outreach, refreshments, and discussion questions.

b. Non-plastic Foodware and Businesses

The Commission continued discussing plans to educate local businesses about switching to non-plastic foodware items. Commissioners Bush and Sankaran shared information about foodware alternatives, such as banana leaf plates and bamboo utensils.

Commissioner Oliver prepared draft survey questions to review. Commissioner Bush mentioned concern that some businesses may not answer the survey truthfully in fear of repercussions; Sankaran and Mbuga suggested modifying the survey language to emphasize that the purpose of the survey is data collection and not enforcement.

Commissioner Sankaran asked questions regarding the targeted businesses, and suggested shifting focus to larger corporations that may offer food services.

The Commission will review the cover letter attached to the survey and provide comments and begin identifying contacts to send the survey to at the next meeting.

LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Chua announced that William Lam has been sworn in as a new Councilmember, and Gary Barbadillo will serve as Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Chua shared that the City has officially been awarded the grant from Department of Energy to fund the electrification of up to 1000 homes in Milpitas, and Deputy PW Director Marshall will provide and update in January.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy PW Director Marshall announced that the City will be closed for the holidays from Tuesday, December 24 to Thursday, January 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.