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Virtual Meeting of the City of Hollywood
 Sustainability Advisory Committee
 May 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM
 DRAFT

Present	Absent
Sara Berke Todd Delmay Sylvia Meyer Graham Penn Grahm Rubin Wendy Schugar-Martin, Chair Catherine Uden	Stephanie Anderson Rich Aube James Jackson
	Staff Liaison
	Elaine Franklin
	Guests
	Sean Atkinson Lee Gottlieb

The meeting was called to order at 6:08P.M. by Wendy Schugar-Martin. Roll call. Attendance was taken, noted above. A quorum was present.

Sylvia Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020, and February 27, 2020, meetings. The motion was seconded by Todd Delmay and passed unanimously.

Announcements and Comments

Elaine Franklin updated the Committee on her endeavors to revise the City’s EV infrastructure ordinance, shepherd the citywide plastics and polystyrene ordinance, and revise the tree ordinance to account for the state’s legislation that made it easier for property owners to remove trees without a permit.

Sylvia notified everyone that the League of Women voters is increasing its use of social media to promote causes. Members can forward items to Elaine to send to Sylvia. On Friday, 5/29/20 at 4P.M. there is a protest at 115 S Andrews Ave by the Dream Defenders to bring attention to the human rights incident in Minnesota.

Todd is adding solar panels and sustainable landscaping to his home.

Wendy will be participating in the Citizens Climate Lobby’s virtual lobby days at the federal level scheduled for June 16-17, 2020. She will share information with the Committee in case others would also like to participate in their personal capacity.

Expanded Use of Single-Use Plastics Post-COVID-19

Todd, a member of the Downtown Hollywood Business Association, wondered how the SAC can provide guidance to businesses about the use of disposable plastics and foam versus other disposable food service items and reusable items in light of COVID-19. Discussion ensued about how to provide guidance, whether it be through a resolution to the Commission or through other means. Todd made a motion to draft a resolution to the Commission to direct CMED to provide information to the public about this issue. Graham Rubin seconded the motion and the item passed unanimously.

Members drafted a resolution recommending that the City Commission include sustainability elements in relevant communications to its residents and businesses relating to COVID-19. Todd made a motion to adopt the resolution. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rain Barrel Activity

Stephanie Anderson was absent. This item will be continued at the next meeting.

Tree Ordinance

Graham Penn reminded members that he brought a draft revision of the City's tree ordinance to the subcommittee for review in March. This version addresses the discrepancies within the City's current ordinance, adds a section on specimen trees of significance, aligns the single family residential requirements with other requirements, revises the sod limit to 60% or less, and allows for irrigation to be omitted if there is less than 40% sod. Several other cities have reduced the amount of sod required as well as the irrigation requirement. Wendy requested that Graham add an executive summary for the Commission with notes and sources describing the reasons for the changes. Graham requested from Elaine the example revision from Monroe County that addresses the state's legislation.

Comments From the Public

Lee Gottlieb first addressed the tree ordinance and emphasized that it has to meet or exceed the County's ordinance. He noted there aren't many trees of significance left in Hollywood. He then brought up the City's new Dune Master Plan, which has been presented to the Commission, but there is no clear indication of when or how it will be implemented. He asked that the SAC provide support for the Plan and noted that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has commented on it. He is sending materials to Elaine to share with the SAC.

Sean Atkinson, a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, reminded members about his project to acquire and plant a double row hedge to create a screen on the east, north, and west sides of Boggs Field. The intent is to protect sports field users, mostly children, from the air pollution generated on Sheridan Street, which borders the field. The City has approved the planting of 50 plants so far, consisting of 2 species for the taller row adjacent to the road and one species for the shorter row adjacent to the field. He is concerned about the lack of diversity in the shorter hedge, noting that the current standard is to include 8 species in a hedge to greatly decrease its

susceptibility to damage or destruction by pests and diseases. He would like to have two species for this row instead of one and is asking members to provide letters of support in their personal capacity. He would also like formal support for this project from the SAC and is also seeking such support from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. He is sending materials to Elaine to share with the SAC.

Todd made a motion at 8:00P.M. to adjourn. It was seconded by Sylvia and passed unanimously.