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# SPECIAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, April 28, 2019 7:00 PM

4024 Radford Avenue, Editorial 2, Room 6 Studio City, CA 91604 (818) 655-5400

Committee Members: Brian Carroll (Chair), Cheryl Bricker (Vice-Chair, Stakeholder), Carolyn Casavan (Stakeholder), Richard Adams (Stakeholder), Heidi MacKay (Board member), Melanie Winter (Stakeholder), L. Stephanie Tait (Stakeholder), Patrick Lewis (President, ex-officio)

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call.
- 2. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
- 3. Response(s) to public comments by Committee Members.
- 4. Establishing a formal meeting time for regular Sustainability Committee meetings.
- 5. **Discussion and possible motion:** Addressing the problems of leaking city vehicles. The lack of maintenance and repair for city vehicles is causing oils and other fluids to be spread across our city's roadways and ultimately into our water systems.
- 6. **Discussion and possible motion:** Submit a CIS asking City Council and LADWP to include analysis of a scenario that excludes methane, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, and unbundled renewable energy credits.
  - a. Background: LADWP is currently in the process of conducting a study on how the city might achieve a transition to 100% renewable energy. Unfortunately, we're already seeing evidence that the study's framework remains stuck in the past, leaving the door open to dirty fuels while failing to take into account research that has come out in recent years showing that a transition to 100% real, clean renewable energy is possible in LA by 2030.
- 7. **Discussion and possible motion:** Submit a CIS in support of council file 13-1339 and request that the Councilmember take steps to move the adopted policy into practice.
  - a. Background: Four years ago, the City passed an ordinance (council file 13-1339) adding Toyon and Mexican Elderberry to the protected tree ordinance. But the City has still not put it into practice. Landscapes require a diverse structure in order to maximize their carbon sequestration

function. These native species are hearty, drought tolerant, and serve to support biodiversity.

- 8. **Discussion and possible motion:** Request of the Councilmember that he submit a motion to develop an amendment to the City's LID Ordinance providing guidance for LA residents who wish to voluntarily retrofit their properties in order to harvest and manage rainwater, build climate resilience, and receive a waiver from the new County parcel tax on impervious surfaces.
- 9. **Discussion and possible motion:** Request that the Studio City Farmers Market establish a compost program at the Market where people can drop off food scraps and pick up fresh compost. LA Compost offers this.
- 10.**Discussion and possible motion:** Request a meeting with City Planning during the Specific Plan Update to formally identify a Resilience Hub location for Studio City
- 11. **Discussion and possible motion:** Request a presentation from the City Emergency Management Department to the SCNC on local safe evacuation routes and practices for fire and flood. Possible referral to the SCNC Public Safety Committee.
- 12. **Discussion and possible motion:** Consider proposing a mechanism for fining homeowners (rather than gardeners) for any use of gas powered leaf blowers on their property. On the other end, discussing the possibility of creating a certified list of vendors that abide by the current law, so homeowners are aware of their alternatives.
- 13. Discussion on a plan to address food waste from grocery stores and restaurants which could be better used for those in need.
- 14. Discussion on a plan to set up a monthly pop-up recycling drop off point in Studio City.
- 15. Comments from members.
- 16.Adjournment.

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Stakeholders with disabilities who have a valid DMV placard, use a wheelchair, walker or cane, and/or those who have difficulties walking distances should contact (860)490-9883 or <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.org">bcarroll@studiocitync.org</a> to request shuttle assistance at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order for the studio to arrange services for the meeting.

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