

Sustainability Committee Minutes - August 10, 2020

Committee Members: Raduca Kaplan (Board Member, Co-Chair), Melanie Winter (Stakeholder, Co-Chair), Mira Kaplan (Board Member), Rose Leibowitz (Stakeholder), Randall Fried (Board Member & President, ex-officio) in attendance

1. Meeting called to order and quorum established at 6:35 pm.

2. *Comments from the co-chairs.*

Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Winter welcomed everyone and invited them to share their interests and encouraged their participation in identifying issues and developing actions and activities the Committee might move forward.

3. *Public comments.*

Richard N. spoke of his interest in local wildlife; Allison L. spoke of her interest in local food security; Rudy M. spoke of his interest in Slow Streets and in addressing trash at bus stops and along the LA River Greenway; Scott M. spoke of his interest in air pollution and finding ways to enforce the gas-powered leaf blower ban; Robin spoke of their interest in air quality.

4. *Response to public comments by committee members.*

Ms. Leibowitz expressed support for identifying avenues to address trash along the river greenway. Co-chairs Kaplan and Winter encouraged attendees to reach out and work together to find ways to collaborate on finding solutions to issues of concern. Alessandra Young, Allison Laufer, and Richard Niederberg were seated as Committee members.

5. *Discussion and possible motion with respect to working with LA Compost and the Studio City Farmers Market to establish a community compost hub.*

Ms. Winter has a meeting scheduled with LA Compost next week to discuss requirements and details, will report back. Committee members demonstrated strong support for moving this forward to a motion at the next meeting.

6. *Update on Studio City Slow Streets application.*

Application for streets in three areas selected by residents was submitted to the City on June 24. DOT emailed August 1 saying they have our application, but are backlogged due to program popularity and will keep us posted on progress.

7. *Discussion and possible motion with respect to implementing the Lankershim Blvd. protected bike lane per the City's 2016 Mobility Plan in concert with planned ADAPT program repaving of Lankershim between Whipple and Cahuenga.*

After a presentation on the Mobility Plan and ADAPT program, and some discussion, the Committee voted 5-0-1, with Mr. Fried abstaining, to request that the Board send our proposed letter to the appropriate City staff.

8. *Discussion and possible motion with respect to submitting a CIS and letter of support on Council File 19-0604 to ban unnecessary vehicle idling.*

Robin Strickler presented details on vehicle idling and the content of the motion. Committee voted 6-0-0 to bring the CIS to the Board.

9. *Discussion and possible motion with respect to sending a comment letter to the County Supervisors and the Dept. of Regional Planning on the proposed Title 22 Oil Well Ordinance update. Dept. of Public Health Report and background.*

Due to time restrictions caused by an overlap in Committee scheduling, this item had to be tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.