

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
SUSTAINABLE CITY  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
LONG BEACH, 4:00 PM**

Sona Coffee, Chair  
Morgan Wheeler, Vice Chair  
Coby Skye, Commissioner  
Alan Tolkoff, Commissioner  
Donna Bergeron-Birge, Commissioner  
Rey Gonzales, Commissioner



Jenny Novak, Commissioner  
Nicholas Lind, Commissioner  
Eric Rock, Commissioner  
Carla Dillon, Commissioner  
Hilda Gaytan, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Coffee called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Eric Rock, Alan

**Present:** Tolkoff, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Commissioners** Donna Bergeron-Birge, Nicholas Lind, Jenny Novak and Coby

**Absent:** Skye

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator; Courtney Chatterson,  
Communications Specialist; Sandra Barajas, Clerk Typist III

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public are invited to address the Sustainable City Commission on non-agenda items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. [19-031SC](#) Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, October 24, 2019.

**Attachments:** [10-24-19 Finished Agenda and Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Dillon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Eric Rock, Alan Tolkoff and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 5 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Nicholas Lind, Jenny Novak, Coby Skye and Morgan Wheeler

2. [19-032SC](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation from Los Angeles County Public Works on the LA River Plan.

Christine Wartman from the Los Angeles County Public Works, Stormwater Planning Division, lead the presentation on the Los Angeles River Plan.

Mark Hanna, Ph.D., Leed AP from Geosyntec Consultants, project Manager followed up on the presentation.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Wheeler spoke.

Mark Hanna, Ph.D., Leed AP from Geosyntec Consultants, project Manager spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mark Hanna, Ph.D., Leed AP from Geosyntec Consultants, project Manager and Commissioner Wheeler.

Commissioner Rock spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Mark Hanna, Ph.D., Leed AP from Geosyntec Consultants, project Manager spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mark Hanna, Ph.D., Leed AP from Geosyntec Consultants, project Manager and Commissioner Gonzales.

Chair Coffee spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Vice Chair Wheeler, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 -** Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Eric Rock, Alan Tolkoff, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 4 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Nicholas Lind, Jenny Novak and Coby Skye

3. [19-033SC](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation from Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine on the development of the Parks Strategic Plan.

Meredith Reynolds, Manager with Parks, Recreation and Marine, Park Planning and Partnerships Bureau, lead presentaion on the development of the Parks Strategic Plan.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Meredith Reynolds, Manager with Parks, Recreation and Marine, Park Planning and Partnerships Bureau, and Commissioner Rock.

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Commissioner Dillon spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Manager with Parks, Recreation and Marine, Park Planning and Partnerships Bureau, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon, seconded by Commissioner Gaytan, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Eric Rock, Alan Tolkoff, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 4 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Nicholas Lind, Jenny Novak and Coby Skye

4. [19-034SC](#) Recommendation to discuss Commissioners' policy priorities for 2020 to be forwarded to City Council in a letter from the Commission.

**Attachments:** [Sustainable City Commission Letter to City Council 12-4-](#)

Chair Coffee lead discussion on Commissioners' policy for 2020 to be forwarded to City Council.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Commissioner Rock spoke.

Commissioner Dillon spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

Commissioner Rock spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Commissioner Rock spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee, Vice Chair Wheeler and all Commissioners.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Public Participation - David S. spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gaytan, seconded by Commissioner Rock, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Eric Rock, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 5 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Nicholas Lind, Jenny Novak, Alan Tolkoff and Coby Skye

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Coffee adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 4:00 PM