

Susana Gonzalez, Commissioner
Andrea White-Kjoss, Commissioner
Gordana Kajer, Commissioner
Daryl Supernaw, Commissioner
Jill Brennan, Commissioner



Lisa Wibroe, Commissioner
Joan Greenwood, Commissioner
Robin Thorne, Commissioner
Sera Candela-Grossman, Commissioner
Andrew Kincaid, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:09 P.M., Chair Pro Tempore Gonzalez, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator; Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist; Anne Kearby, Executive Assistant; Kathy Brown, Executive Assistant.

Boardmembers Susana Gonzalez, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan,

Present: Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne

Boardmembers Andrew Kincaid, Andrea White-Kjoss and Sera

Absent: Candela-Grossman

PUBLIC: Opportunity given to citizens to address the ruling body on non-agenda items within their jurisdiction. (Currently limited to three minutes, unless extended by the Chair.)

There were no public comments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 09-0318 Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Supernaw, to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Susana Gonzalez, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne

Absent: 3 - Andrew Kincaid, Andrea White-Kjoss and Sera Candela-Grossman

2. 09-0319 Recommendation to hold an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission.
- Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, opened the floor for nominations of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Commissioners Gonzalez, Supernaw, and Greenwood volunteered to be Chair or Vice Chair.
- Commissioner Gonzalez spoke, and volunteered for Chair.
- Commissioner Supernaw spoke, and volunteered for the Vice Chair position.
- Commissioner Greenwood expressed interest in the Vice Chair position.
- Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, confirmed the nomination for Chair.
- Commissioner Wibroe nominated Commissioner Gonzalez for Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Greenwood.
- Vote for Commissioner Gonzalez to be Chair. Vote carried unanimously.
- Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, asked for nominations for Vice Chair.
- Commissioner Wibroe nominated Commissioner Supernaw for Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Thorne.
- Being no other nominations, there was a vote for Commissioner Supernaw to be Vice Chair. Vote carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Chair Gonzalez, no second required, to hold an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 7 - Susana Gonzalez, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne
- Absent:** 3 - Andrew Kincaid, Andrea White-Kjoss and Sera Candela-Grossman

SECOND ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Susana Gonzalez, Andrea White-Kjoss, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne

Boardmembers Andrew Kincaid and Sera Candela-Grossman
Absent:

3. 09-0320 Recommendation to approve the Waste Reduction Focus Area and incorporate into the Sustainable City Action Plan.
Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss joined the meeting.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the Waste Reduction Focus Area and incorporate into the Sustainable City Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Susana Gonzalez, Andrea White-Kjoss, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne

Absent: 2 - Andrew Kincaid and Sera Candela-Grossman

4. 09-0321 Recommendation to receive a report on the Draft Urban Nature Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation and responded to questions.

Chair Gonzalez asked for a motion.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke

A dialogue ensued between Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, and Commissioner Brennan.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Thorne spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded to questions.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive a report on the Draft Urban Nature Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Susana Gonzalez, Andrea White-Kjoss, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne

Absent: 2 - Andrew Kincaid and Sera Candela-Grossman

PROGRESS UPDATE

A. Accomplishments, Updates and Next Steps - Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator.

Meredith Reynolds updated the Commission. Staff is working on logistics and planning for Earth Week 2009. Earth Week is April 20-24th, 2009; Earth Day is April 21st, 2009; Arbor Day is April 24th, 2009. An Earth Week calendar will be coming out shortly. The City of Long Beach just celebrated it's One Year Anniversary of the Bike Share Program. Long Beach Bike Festival and Race will be April 3-4, 2009. The City of Long Beach received notice that we will receive \$4.3 million per year for the next three years towards Energy Efficiency funding through the Stimulus Package. There is a 'Litter Stinks' poster contest currently underway. The City is working with So Cal Edison on a Partnership Program.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Greenwood thanked Angie Tam from the Environmental Services Bureau for resolving a trash/recycling issue at 110 Pine Avenue. She recommended a report card for communicating with citizens on achieving goals.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded that staff is planning to do a report card annually.

Commissioner Greenwood stated that the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance is conducting a tour of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands.

Commissioner Brennan announced a vigil Friday, March 27, 2009 from 5-7 p.m. at Studebaker & Loynes to bring awareness to what happened at these wetlands.

Commissioner Supernaw noted that Councilmember O'Donnell will be a speaker at the vigil. He spoke about the bike element of the Long Beach Marathon and noted that the Pasadena Marathon had a green initiative and included recycling tennis shoes.

Commissioner Kajer encouraged the commissioners to bring their own signs to the vigil on Friday, and said this will be a weekly event. She stated that she attended the Environmental Committee meeting, where a comment was made regarding the Environmental Committee having a closer relationship with the Sustainable City Commission. She asked what the Commission could be doing with the Environmental Committee to foster communication between the two groups.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Corrdinator, responded to Commissioner Kajer, stating that staff has met internally on this concern, and noted that at least one staff member will attend the Environmental Committee meetings. She stated that any issues coming out of the Sustainable City Commission will be reported to the Environmental Committee.

Commissioner Kajer asked that the Commission make a formal recommendation on single-use plastics to City Council.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke about the Sustainable City Commission and understanding their role.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded that they are working on completing the Chapters, re-establishing a schedule, a report card, and a work plan.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke about the first annual Bike Festival in Long Beach on April 3-4, 2009. This festival will feature a professional race and a fashion show. Commissioners can test out bicycle plans in the Bicycle Master Plan and see demonstrations of projects.

Chair Gonzalez thanked the Commissioners for electing her as Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 p.m., there being no objection, Chair Gonzalez declared the meeting adjourned.