Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, June 26, 2024

vacant	Mayor	Mayor
Ranney, Sarah	Kesarwani	District 1
LaBonte, Alison	Taplin	District 2
McGuire, Brianna	Bartlett	District 3
Tahara, Daniel	Tregub	District 4
Allen, Shannon	Hahn	District 5
Guliasi, Les	Wengraf	District 6
Kesselman, Misha	Lunaparra	District 7
vacant	Humbert	District 8
Athanasiou, Mabel	Youth Commissioner	
Syed, Shanza	Youth Commissioner	

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
   The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm
   Commissioners Present: McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman
   Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasiou Syed
   Commissioner Absent: None
   Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Ashley James

2. **Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):**
   5 member(s) of the Public
   1 comment(s)

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   Motion/second to approve the May 22, 2024 Minutes (Allen, Tahara). The motion carried: 5-0-0-4; **Ayes**: McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman. **Noes**: None. **Abstain**: None. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasiou, Syed

4. **Agenda Check**

5. **Update from Chair**

6. **Update from Staff**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion:** General Plan Update: Disaster Preparedness and Safety, Environmental Justice, and Climate Metrics (Ashley James) [Public Comments: 1]

8. **Discussion & Action:** Consider action on joint City Council item with the Zero Waste Commission requesting support for Berkeley High reusable tableware program (Sarah Ranney & Mabel Athanasiou) [Public Comments: 1]

9. **Discussion:** Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Sarah Moore)
   a. Executive Summary and Actions [Public Comments: 0]

   Motion/second to create a temporary subcommittee including Commissioners McGuire and Kesselman to draft comments for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (McGuire, Kesselman). The motion carried: 5-0-0-4; **Ayes**: McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman. **Noes**: None. **Abstain**: None. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasiou, Syed

10. **Discussion:** Cesar Chavez landfill greenhouse gas management (Sarah Moore)
    a. New information: May 24, 2024 Off-Agenda memo providing an Update on Environmental Testing at former City landfill [Public Comments: 1]

11. **Commission Liaisons Reports**
    a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
    b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Shannon Allen)
    c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
    d. Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney and Mabel Athanasiou)
    e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
    f. Housing Advisory Commission (vacant)
    g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)

12. **Workplan Subcommittee Updates**
    a. Electrification Equity and Access (LaBonte, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman)
    b. Water Conservation and Management (Ranney, Allen, Syed)

13. **Potential Items for Future Agenda**
    a. Electric Mobility Roadmap – July 24
    b. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
    c. Cesar Chavez landfill
       [Public Comments: 0]

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. **Communications**
    a. Clifford Fred – Woodsmoke
    b. Susan Schwartz, *Friends of Five Creeks* – Berkeley Stormwater Plan

15. **Announcements from Commissioners**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:35 pm (Tahara, Allen)

Minutes Approved:
/S/ Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary