

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE,**

**OPENING MATTERS**

Call to Order/ Roll Call of Commission Members

Chair Shillan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

Present: Chair Shillan, Vice Chair Cohan, Commissioner Jagtiani, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Schwartz, Student Member Hanley

Absent: Student Member Shapiro

Staff: Associate Civil Engineer Lemus

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Member Hanley.

Approval of Agenda.

***Vice Chair Cohan moved, Commissioner Jagtiani seconded, to approve the meeting agenda for the Tuesday, December 6, 2022 Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

Approval of Meeting Summary of December 6, 2022 meeting.

***Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Vice Chair Cohan seconded, to approve the meeting summary of the December 6, 2022 Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

**MISSION STATEMENT** - The Mission Statement was read by Vice Chair Cohan.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION- PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no speakers

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Commissioners' Comment**

Chair Shillan recognized Associate Civil Engineer Lemus as new Liaison for the City. Associate Civil Engineer Lemus spoke on her experience with the City. Chair Shillan introduced Commissioner Byrne.

Commissioner Byrne spoke on her experience as a Calabasas resident and commented on being the new commissioner.

Vice Chair Cohan welcomed Commissioner Byrne and Associate Civil Engineer Lemus; invited public to Public Forum Event; commented on the creation of Calabasas High PFC's Environmental Division.

Commissioner Jagtiani welcomed Commissioner Byrne; thanked Associate Civil Engineer Lemus; commented on needing a volunteer for Bay Laurel's school garden.

Commissioner Schwartz welcomed Commissioner Byrne and Associate Civil Engineer Lemus; commented on working with Chaparral Elementary and inviting Student Members Hanley and Shapiro to inspire the students; commented on the upcoming Earth Day event.

Student Member Hanley spoke on behalf of Student Member Shapiro to discuss the role of Roots and Shoots at the Environmental Forum; commented on volunteer opportunities.

## 2. Presentation of Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Awards

Chair Shillan introduced Jack and James Elinger to speak about Dr. Julie Elginer. Vice Chair Cohan made comment on Dr. Elginer's contributions while on the Environmental Commission. Chair Shillan presented the Carl Gibbs Award to Dr. Elginer. Dr. Elginer spoke on receiving the award and thanked the Commission and the City.

Dr. Farassati spoke on his nomination, Melina Watts, and her contributions to local environmental work. Agoura Hills Councilmember Wolf spoke on Melina Watts and the difference she has made for the region. Chair Shillan presented the Carl Gibbs Award to Ms. Watts. Ms. Watts spoke on receiving the award, thanked Dr. Farassati, Councilmember Wolf, Commissioners, and Student Members and presented on her experiences.

## 3. Preparations for Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebrations

Associate Civil Engineer Lemus presented the updates. Commissioner Jagtiani and Vice Chair Cohan provided comment.

## 4. Recommendation for new subcommittee for upcoming events

Chair Shillan provided comment on subcommittees and requested Commissioners' input on subcommittees.

***Vice Chair Cohan moved, Chair Shillan seconded, to add Commissioner Byrne to the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

***Chair Shillan moved, Vice Chair Cohan seconded, to replace Commissioner Jagtiani with Commissioner Schwartz on the Recycling Drawing Contest Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

***Chair Shillan moved, Vice Chair Cohan seconded, to add Commissioner Jagtiani to the Water Conservation Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

***Chair Shillan moved, Vice Chair Cohan seconded, to replace Vice Chair Cohan with Chair Shillan for the Public Forum Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

***Vice Chair Cohan moved, Chair Shillan seconded, to create an Arbor Day subcommittee and add Vice Chair Cohan and Commissioner Jagtiani. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

***Vice Chair Cohan moved, Chair Shillan seconded, to create an Earth Day subcommittee and add Chair Shillan and Commissioner Schwartz. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

***Chair Shillan moved, Vice Chair Cohan seconded, to replace Commissioner Jagtiani with Commissioner Byrne for the Pumpkin Festival Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 5/0***

## 5. Subcommittee Reports

Vice Chair Cohan provided an update regarding the Environmental Forum Event. Commissioner Jagtiani provided additional information; Chair Shillan provided comment.

Commissioner Jagtiani provided an update on Native Plants Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Cohan provided update on Climate Action Plan Subcommittee.

Associate Civil Engineer Lemus provided the theme to next year's Recycling Drawing Contest: "Know your bins".

6. Recommendations for future meeting presentations/presenters

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shillan adjourned the meeting of the Environmental Commission at 8:54 p.m. to the next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Commission for Tuesday, September 5, 2023.