

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,**

OPENING MATTERS

Call to Order/ Roll Call of Commission Members

Chair Cohan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Cohan, Vice Chair Schwartz, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Jagtiani, Student Member Shapiro, Alternate Student Member Parmar

Absent: Commissioner Shillan

Staff: Public Works Director Castle, Assistant Engineer Bezdecny, Senior Planner Glenn Michitsch

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eli Rubel, Daniel Oroszlán, and Carol Davis.

Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to approve the meeting agenda for the February 6, 2024 Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Approval of Meeting Summary of the December 5, 2023 special meeting.

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to approve the meeting summary of the December 5, 2023 Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

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

ORAL COMMUNICATION- PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioners' Comment

Student Member Shapiro spoke about the January Creek Tour and announced that teachers were interested in doing a quiz pass for the Environmental Forum.

Vice Chair Schwartz seconded Student Member Shapiro's comment on the Creek Tour.

Chair Cohen spoke about the Commission's, City's, and Community's upcoming events and recommended the public join the Commission's initiatives.

2. Statement Regarding the Use of Rodenticides

Chair Cohen made the statement on behalf of the Environmental Commission.

3. Recognition of Recipients of Environmental Excellence Award

The Environmental Commission awarded the Environmental Excellence Award to A Student Battery Recycling Company (ASBRC). Vice Chair Schwartz congratulated and introduced Eli Rubel and Oroszlán. Commissioner Byrne shared her congratulations for the students. Eli Rubel and Oroszlán thanked Carol Davis for her nomination, Chair Cohen for his mentorship, and the Environmental Commission for the award.

The Environmental Commission awarded the Environmental Excellence Award to Chef Tal. Chef Tal was not in attendance to accept the award.

4. Presentation on Rindge Dam by California State Parks

R.J. Van Sant provided the presentation on the Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project.

5. Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy

Senior Planner Michitsch provided the presentation on the City's Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy and requested the Commission provide comments on the policy and make recommendations.

Commissioners provided comments and questions on the policy.

Vice Chair Schwartz moved, Chair Cohen seconded, to make recommendation of LEED Certification Requirement Level 3 to Council. MOTION FAILED 2/0

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to make recommendation of utilizing LEED Certification to Council. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to make recommendation of requiring LEED Certification Level Gold as the minimum standard to Council.

Commissioner Jagtiani provided discussion stating that the reasoning is that City Hall is a Gold-Certified building.

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

6. Updates on City Activities/Projects

Assistant Engineer Bezdecny provided the presentation.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Environmental Forum: Commissioner Jagtiani provided information on the upcoming event.

Arbor Day: Commissioner Jagtiani provided information on the upcoming event.

Earth Day: Vice Chair Schwartz provided information on the upcoming event.

Battery Recycling: Vice Chair Schwartz provided an update on the creation of the Battery Recycling Box. Staff and Subcommittee discussed the future steps of the box.

Vice Chair Schwartz moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to support the creation of the Battery Box and to recommend it to Council. MOTION TABLED 4/0

Commissioner Byrne, Vice Chair Schwartz, and Chair Cohen discussed the motion.

Eli Rubel made a public comment clarifying the business status of ASBRC. Staff will work towards creating the Battery Box in a sustainable way for use as a promotional item and will not take the item to Council at this time.

Native Plants: Assistant Engineer made a clarification regarding the Staff Report; the report should reflect the field trip should be to *Theodore* Payne Nursery instead of Thomas Payne.

Student Member: Alternate Student Member Parmar presented on the LVUSD Measure S Construction Updates. Commissioners provided discussion.

8. Recommendation for future meeting items, presentations and/or presenters

Vice Chair Schwartz requested a presentation from Waste Management. Chair Cohen requested a tour to Rindge Dam and the Calabasas Landfill. Vice Chair Schwartz requested a tour to LVUSD's Native Garden and the overall facility. Chair Cohen requested a tour of CHS's garden.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cohan adjourned the meeting of the Environmental Commission at 8:30 p.m. to a **Regular Meeting of the Commission on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**