

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 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, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Jagtiani, Student Member Shapiro, Alternate Student Member Parmar

Absent: Vice Chair Schwartz

Staff: Public Works Director Castle and Assistant Engineer Bezdecny

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students in the audience.

Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Byrne moved, Commissioner Jagtiani seconded, to approve the meeting agenda for the February 6, 2024 Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 3/0

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 3/0

MISSION STATEMENT

ORAL COMMUNICATION- PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meeting Schedule

Public Works Director, Curtis Castle, discussed various deadlines and timelines relating to the Environmental Commission, justifying the reasoning for adopting a new meeting schedule.

Commissioners shared their concerns regarding the meeting schedule.

Chair Cohan moved, Commissioner Jagtiani seconded, to adopt the proposed Environmental Commission meeting schedule of 1st Tuesday in August, October, February, May and schedule annual reorganization in February each year. MOTION CARRIED 3/0

2. Recognition of Outgoing Student Members

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

Commissioner Byrne moved, Commissioner Jagtiani seconded, to add a second student alternative member to the Environmental Commission. MOTION CARRIED 3/0

3. New Student Member Vote

Each student presented their ideas and suggestions for the Commission. They highlighted their personal interests in addition to their accomplishments. Commissioners discussed and selected a non-voting student commissioner and two alternative non-voting student commissioners.

The Environmental Commission voted to select Gavin Tesser as the non-voting student commissioner and alternative non-voting student members Skyler Fong and Ray Schaffer.

4. Updates on City Activities/Projects

Bezdecny provided the presentation to the Commission.

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Castle shared an update on Subcommittee processes and restrictions. Staff recommends the Commission disbands each existing subcommittee and establish Ad Hoc Subcommittees.

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded to disband each existing subcommittee (Pumpkin Festival, Recycling Drawing Calendar Contest, Earth Day, Environmental Forum, and Arbor Day) MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded to form the Recycling Drawing Calendar Contest Ad Hoc Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded to form the Pumpkin Festival Ad Hoc Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Chair Cohan moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded to form the Arbor Day Ad Hoc Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Chair Cohan moved to form the Environmental Forum Ad Hoc Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Commissioner Byrne moved, Commissioner Jagtiani seconded to form the 2024-2025 Earth Day Ad Hoc Subcommittee. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

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

Chair Cohan requested presentations from Waste Management and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

Vice Chair Schwartz shared a story about the California Wildlife Center taking care of an injured bird.

Chair Cohan thanked the Commissioners and student volunteers for their efforts in community outreach events, such as Arbor Day, Environmental Forum, and Earth Day.

Commissioner Jagtiani thanked each student who ran for the Student Commissioner position.

ADJOURNMENT

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