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MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2023

6:00 PM

**I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Victor Niemeyer, Ruth Merino, Anthony Strawa, Desiree Grahn, Glen Garfunkel, Richard Zahner, Tedarena, Karen Nelson

ABSENT: None

- Staff present: San José Clean Energy (SJCE) Director Lori Mitchell, Assistant Director Zach Struyk, Public Information Manager Amanda Orozco, Deputy Director Heather Dauler, Deputy Director Jim Caldwell
- Community members in attendance: Bob Ruff, Lilian Koenig, Adam Sweeney

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Chair Niemeyer convened the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Public Record**

None on file.

**III. Public Comment**

Public comment from Lilian Koenig regarding Governor Newsom's update on the state's clean energy progress.

**IV. Consent Calendar**

Approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2023.

Document Filed: March 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Zahner and seconded by Commissionerarena and carried, the minutes were approved (7-0-1). Commissioner Nelson abstained.

**V. Reports and Information Only**

A. Chair Update: Chair Niemeyer shared an update on the Citywide Climate Commission including recent City Council action to approve establishing the commission.

B. Staff Update: Zach Struyk shared that a new Deputy City Attorney has been hired in the City Attorney's Office to support SJCE. He also provided brief updates on the City's budget process, SJCE's recent Request for Offers for long-term energy contracts, and that SJCE submitted information for its 2022 power content to the California Energy Commission's Power Source Disclosure program.

## VI. New Business

- A. Update on SJCE financial position, budget, and rates (Discussion)
- Public comment from Adam Sweeney. He asked if SJCE has a process for prioritizing funding.
  - Zach Struyk shared updates on SJCE's short and long-term financial position. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Action: None (discussion only)

- B. 2022-2023 Annual Report and 2023-2024 Workplan (Discussion)
- No public comment
  - Chair Niemeyer asked Commissioners for input on focus areas for the 2023-2024 workplan. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Action: None (discussion only)

- C. Revise San José municipal code to form municipal electrical utility (Discussion)
- No public comment
  - Lori Mitchell and Jim Caldwell provided background on Title 28 and timeline for establishing a municipal electrical utility. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Action: None (discussion only)

- D. Create Ad Hoc Committees per the Commission's workplan (Potential Action)
- Public comment from Lilian Koenig asking commissioners to prioritize diverse communities.
  - Chair Niemeyer asked Commissioners for interest in creating an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss and form recommendations for the 2023-2024 workplan. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued. Chair Niemeyer, Commissioner Zahner, Commissioner Marena, and Vice Chair Strawa agreed to create an Ad Hoc Committee exploring future goals for SJCE.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Grahn and seconded by Commissioner Merino and carried, the Commission unanimously approved creating an Ad Hoc Committee (8-0-0).

## VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held in person. Location to be determined.

*Potential agenda items for next meeting or other future meeting:*

- *Approve 2022-2023 Annual Report and 2023-2024 Workplan*
- *Title 28 of the San José Municipal Code*

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Niemeyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:02 p.m.

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VICTOR NIEMEYER, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY SECRETARY

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Adrienne Barreto, COMMISSION SECRETARY