



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY, TEXAS  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021  
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**Community Members Present:**

*Helen Besse, Committee Member*  
*Dawn Dickson, Committee Member*  
*Melissa Gonzales, Committee Member*  
*Lucy Hairston, Committee Member*  
*Katherine Johnson, Committee Vice Chair*  
*Michael Moore, Committee Alternate*  
*Zoe Trieff, Committee Chair*  
*Lisa Versaci, Committee Chair*  
*Karen Medicus, City Council Liaison*  
*Carolyn Meredith, Parks and Natural Resource Manager*

1. Call to Order  
*Meeting called to order at 6:00.*
2. Citizen Comments  
*Helen asked about the wildfire mitigation work in the South Hills Conservation Area specifically around the trail behind 804 Oakdale. A comment was read from Terry Cowan that was posted on OpenGov. Helen requested that the City of Austin development regulations over the aquifer. Dawn proposed that Sunset Valley to support Lights Out Texas. [Dawn provided this link about this issue.](#) The dates are April 19<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>. Zoe reported on the TCEQ grant program for the Hydrogen vehicle charging station. The grant is for up to 70% and sites that are within 5 miles from the highway have been prioritized.*
3. Approval of meeting minutes from [August 5<sup>th</sup>](#) and [August 26<sup>th</sup>](#).  
*Minutes from August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 approved. Katherine motioned, Dawn seconded. All in favor, Lisa abstained. Minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 approved. Melissa motioned, Katherine seconded. All in favor.*
4. [Discussion and possible recommendation to Council regarding the joint Committee and Council meeting held on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.](#)

*The committee discussed the following: Appoint committees in October to align with the fiscal year, 2 years appointment as long as there is a process to remove committee members who are inactive or disruptive; Committee Chair presents to the Budget and Finance Committee in person; One size does not fit all for meeting dates/times; more paper newsletters and possible citizen input in the newsletter, citizens can provide articles; predictable schedule to the publication of the newsletter; bring back community engagement portion of what had been in the CED committee with possibly a new committee, Arts & Community.*

5. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding Sections 400-402 of the Comprehensive Plan revisions.  
*The committee considered sections 400-402 of the comprehensive plan. The committee will provide direction on community connections, safety and section 403 at the next meeting.*
6. Discussion regarding past agenda item and their statuses.  
*The committee did not discuss this item.*
7. Discussion regarding future agenda items.  
*The committee did not discuss this item.*
8. Adjourn  
*Meeting adjourned at 7:59.*