



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue
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Chair Goudey called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Roll Call:

Chair Goudey, Vice-Chair Schaadt, Members Mackie, Milliken, Miner, Pavel, Solari, Weinstein

Absent: Members Benjamin and Spitalnik

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director; Emily Alter, Community Development Analyst; Charles Hargrove, Member-to-be

- 1. Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** – Sanders announced that the City's Draft *Active Transportation Plan* went live. Community Development staff Emily Alter mentioned that the public comment period will be from 6/29/15 – 7/29/15 and that the City will hold a Community Open House for the Plan on 7/1/15 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Sanders also announced that the City budget was adopted and that the July EQC meeting is cancelled.
- 2. Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – None.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes** – Approval of Minutes for the June 9, 2015 meeting was deferred until next meeting, as the minutes had not yet been completed.
- 4. EQC Membership** – Goudey announced that the City Council appointed Charles Hargrove to the EQC and welcomed Charles to the committee. In addition, he also announced that Kevin Wildenberg has resigned from the Committee.
- 5. Urban Greening Plan** – Community Development staff Emily Alter gave an update on the progress for the adoption of the *Urban Greening Plan*. She reported that the Plan has been delayed because staff has decided that they will conduct an Environmental Review Initial Study. It is anticipated that the plan will be considered by City Council in September, after the Initial Study is complete. After discussion among members and staff, Weinstein moved to recommend that City Council consider approving the *Urban Greening Plan* (Weinstein, Miner, Unanimous).
- 6. EQC Work Plan, Budget, Calendar of Events** - The following EQC activities were discussed:
 - July 4th Festival – In preparation for the EQC tabling the July 4th Festival, Weinstein asked for Green Team sign-up sheets. Sanders will bring to the Festival. Milliken discussed providing drought/grey water information at the Festival as well. Sanders passed out a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to help staff the table during the event.
 - Green Team Clean-up – Weinstein announced that the next Green Team event will be on July 12 in the Northern Gateway area. He also requested that the EQC switch the date of next

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Green Team cleanup from September 12 to September 19, in order to correspond with Coastal Clean Up Day. Motion to approve (Weinstein/Schaadt/Unanimous).

- EQC Speaker Series – Weinstein requested that the EQC consider sponsoring a talk on how the East Bay got its forests by Jerry Kent, former General Manager at EBMUD. This talk would be co-sponsored by the Historical Society, at a date to be determined in the last week of July. Motion to approve (Weinstein/Solari/Unanimous).
- Green Team Coordination with Crime Prevention Committee – Goudey wondered who will sit on the ad-hoc joint subcommittee to plan the event now that Wildenberg has resigned. Schaadt reported that he will continue to represent the EQC on the Committee.
- Eco-Film Showings – Nothing reported.
- Music for Madera – Weinstein circulated a proposal (contained in EQC binder) for an allocation of between \$500 - \$1000. Motion to approve a budget of up to \$1000 for the Music for Madera Open Space Festival (Weinstein/Schaadt/Unanimous).
- Other: Milliken asked if the EQC was interested in sponsoring a pop-up bike repair event and a solar education workshop. Pavel wanted to revisit doing a 15 minute talk by various EQC committee members at future meetings, or possibly at RERC.

7. Announcements and Future Agenda Items – Sanders made an announcement about MCE enrollments. Milliken announced that she researched how to develop a Train the Trainer program. Pavel made three announcements regarding Contra Costa County's climate change adaptation efforts; community concerns regarding the use of coal trains in and out of the Port of Oakland; and a July 11 event against crude oil trains going to the Chevron refinery in Richmond.

8. Adjourned at 9:20 PM

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