



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Call To Order : 7:20 PM

Roll Call: Chair Goudey, Vice-Chair Schaadt, Members Hargrove, Milliken, Miner, O'Connor, Pavel, Spitalnik, Weinstein

Absent: Mackie, Solari

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** - None.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** - Richmond resident Cordell Hindler reiterated a desire to have the Richmond Promise Program give a presentation to the EQC.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2016 (O'Connor/ Schaadt/ Unanimous).
4. **EQC Work Plan 2017** - Goudey provided an updated draft EQC Work Plan, requesting a final review for approval. Spitalnik referred to the enabling legislation of the EQC and noted that it contained language encompassing a broader mission. She requested that be included in the work plan to inject a bigger environmental vision and broader leadership focus into the Work Plan Weinstein provided language for a goal to promote policies and budget for maintenance of the Hillside Natural Area. Goudey requested that any other individual edits be sent electronically to Sanders. Motion to approve the draft EQC Work Plan, including the additions requested by Spitalnik and Weinstein (Schaadt/O'Connor/Unanimous).
5. **EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**
 - EQC City Council Presentation -Feb 21
 - Goudey made a call for photos to be included in the presentation.
 - Green Teams - Weinstein provided an update on these upcoming Green Team events:
 - Del Norte Area Clean Up - January 14, to meet on the Greenway at Hill Street
 - Hargrove, Goudey, and Solari, and Schaadt will be there. Schaadt will lead the event.
 - Motorcycle Hill Work Party - February 25
 - Weinstein announced the event.

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- Madera Broom Pull - Goudey proposed holding a Green Team event on either March 18th or 25th. Motion to approve (Goudey/ Solari/ Unanimous)
- PG&E Moeser Lane Green Team
 - Goudey provided an update on proposed work parties on the PG&E properties. The scope of the project is diminished due to cutbacks in PG&E project management staff. Goudey will recruit people to help with the PG&E requested citizen monitoring of native plant stands. Weinstein and Sanders mentioned the possibility of a trail easement agreement with PG&E on the property.
- Earth Day - April 22
 - O'Connor proposed doing a Central Ave clean-up near the El Cerrito Theater. Motion to approve (O'Connor/Weinstein/ Unanimous)
- Film and/or Educational Events
 - National Drive Electric Week- September 9-17, 2017
 - Milliken has been investigating putting on the National Drive Electric Event, mostly likely in Berkeley on September 9th. Milliken will continue to investigate where the event can take place and EQC capacity to help co-sponsor the event.
 - Members are interested in showing the film "Before the Flood." Pavel and Spitalnik volunteered to bring back a proposal for the showing. Motion for Spitalnik, Pavel, and Hargrove to serve on an ad hoc subcommittee to develop a proposal for showing the film.
- Hillside Festival - May 21 - Weinstein reported no activity.
- City Centennial Celebration
 - Weinstein passed out a list of 6 events that the EQC is co-sponsoring.

6. Climate Action Plan Implementation

- Goudey reported that he and Milliken presented the MCE 100 x 100 Deep Green Push to the Centennial Committee, which was on board with having the EQC provide ambassadors for the initiative at Centennial events. However, the Centennial Committee was hesitant to take the graphic and the logo as part of a brand they would promote. Milliken passed around a list of events for the Centennial Committee asking for volunteers to sign up to attend these events on behalf of the 100 x 100 Deep Green Push. Milliken requested additional funds for the printing of 500 promotional postcards. Motion to increase the budget for 100 x 100 Deep Green Push from \$100 to \$200.
- County Community Choice Energy Initiative: Goudey announced that the County has released its study on the various options for it pursuing Community Choice Energy (CCE). It will be presented at the next supervisor's meeting.
- Electric Vehicles: Goudey is interested in exploring the idea of providing an educational event for city officials regarding the purchasing of electric vehicles. Spitalnik thinks it might be better to do it as a public event rather than a municipally focused event. Weinstein would like more information on what the presentation would entail before moving forward.
- Deep Green Enrollment by the City: Goudey is interested in recommending that the city enroll in MCE's Deep Green.

7. **Announcements and future agenda items** : Goudey and Sanders requested that members review the list of future agenda items and let Sanders know if these items are still being considered.

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 Update EQC Work Plan - Dec-Jan.
- 2 USDA presentation on IVM and the Cape Ivy predator fly -Feb /March

- 3 Drones in Hillside Natural Area
- 4 Invite John Gioia
- 5 Tool Lending Library
- 6 PCIA Policy Update
- 7 City Purchased Vehicles
- 8 Changes to Federal Environmental Policy
- 9 Considering a new member

8. Adjournment - 9:23

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