



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

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Call to Order: 7:06 PM

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

Absent: Members Mackie, Miller, and Spitalnik

Also Present: Melissa Tigbao, Staff Liaison

- Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** – Chair Miner announced two city-hosted events: the Commissioner's Dinner on 4/28 and Bike to Work Day on 5/11. Weinstein expressed interest in putting flyers for the Hillside Festival in the Bike to Work Day giveaway bags. Vice-Chair Milliken expressed interest in putting 100x100 Deep Green Flyers in the bags.
- Acknowledgements and Welcome** – Chair Miner thanked members Goudey and Schaadt for their 2 years of service as chair and vice-chair respectively. O'Connor expressed his gratitude. Chair Miner welcomed Becky Miller as the newest member of the EQC.
- Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – Richmond resident Cordell Hindler invited the EQC to an event in Richmond, "Lost Years," and suggested El Cerrito create a tool-lending program in the public library.
- Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes October 10th, 2016 and March 14th, 2017 minute (O'Connor, Goudey, Unanimous).
- EQC Budget and Calendar of Events** – The following EQC calendar of events were discussed:
 - Green Teams
 - Madera Broom Pull – Goudey reported that only 4 volunteers participated, and that there is still more work to be done. O'Connor agreed.
 - Cerrito Creek at the Plaza – Schaadt reported only 1 volunteer participated, but noted the bad weather that day with rain and hail. Schaadt also noted that there was a power failure the night before and restaurants threw away a lot of food waste in the trash, much of which got washed into the creek.
 - Earth Day – April 22

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- PG&E Moeser Lane Green Team—Goudey reported that PG&E is still committed to the event, and expects PG&E employees and families to volunteer.
- San Pablo Ave Clean-Up—O'Connor changed location of clean-up site from San Pablo Ave to East Shore Blvd and Potrero Ave. Volunteers will meet at the gas station located on San Pablo and Potrero.
- EQC Table—Vice-Chair Milliken will set table up and represent the EQC. Table will include 100x100 Deep Green flyers, Hillside Festival Flyers, copy of the Climate Action Plan, and sign-up for Green Teams.
- Weinstein asked if new environmental analyst will take over volunteer coordination. He suggested that Green Teams receive email list of Earth Day volunteers to add to “Greener El Cerrito” listserv. Motion that EQC improve its volunteer communication by adding Earth Day volunteers to the “Greener El Cerrito” listserv, and by increasing the frequency of volunteer opportunity electronic communication (Milliken, Schaadt, Unanimous)
- Film and/or Educational Events
 - *Before the Flood* Film Showing – Miner reported that the League of Women Voters film preview went well.
- Hillside Festival – Weinstein highlighted need for more young people at the festival. He also pointed out last year’s conflict with the Celebration of Old Roses, which caused a table shortage at the Hillside Fest. Vice-Chair Milliken, O'Connor, and Schaadt will run the EQC table at the festival. Milliken will push Hillside Fest marketing through El Cerrito’s NextDoor page. Chair Miner reported that the Sierra Club and Rotary Club will both have tables at the festival.
- July 4th Festival—Chair Miner had no new updates and deferred until the next EQC meeting in the interest of time.

6. Climate Action Plan Implementation

- MCE and Deep Green Enrollments – Vice-Chair Milliken reported that 500 postcards advertising the 100x100 Deep Green enrollment program are printed and ready to be distributed. She reported that 2 residential customers signed up for Deep Green enrollment through El Cerrito’s website, but that 2 residential customers also dropped out of the Deep Green program. She suggested that members of the EQC, as private citizens, promote 100x100 and Deep Green enrollment. Chair Miner set a goal to have more Deep Green Champions or Deep Green-enrolled businesses that make public statements supporting the program. He suggested EQC members, as private citizens, leverage personal relationships with businesses in El Cerrito to increase the number of Deep Green Champions.
- CCA & CPUC Updates
 - SB 692: Transmission Access Charges (TAC) – Chair Miner gave an overview of the legislation and distributed a two-page document and sample letter of support. Motion to recommend to City Council that Council provide a letter of support for SB 692. (O'Connor, Weinstein, Unanimous).
 - SB 618: CCA Integrated Resource Plans – Chair Miner gave an overview of the legislation and distributed a sample letter of opposition. Motion to recommend to City Council that Council provide a letter of opposition for SB 618 (Schaadt, O'Connor, Unanimous).
- Strategies to reduce waste and improve energy efficiency in multi-family dwelling – Goudey reported that he is currently researching topics and will report back to the EQC.

Schaadt recommended looking at Deep Green enrollment for multi-family units as well. Goudey invited other members to join him.

7. **Trail Trekker's Grant Proposal Interpretive Signage to Nature Trail – Chair Miner** provided a timeline for the grant application and project completion. He explained the grant is for 50% matching funds, and would require Trail Trekkers fundraising. He suggested the EQC could allocate funds towards the fundraising. Schaadt expressed concern over having too much signage on the trail. Weinstein explained that Trail Trekkers is still finalizing number of signs and implementation.

8. **Announcements and future agenda items**

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 2015 GHG Inventory – May
- 2 Banning Drones in HNA
- 3 UUTr and UUTe
- 4 Urban Greening Plan Implementation
- 5 Huber Park Invasive Plant Removal
- 6 Drones in Hillside Natural Area
- 7 Invite John Gioia
- 8 City Purchased Vehicles
- 9 Changes to Federal Environmental Policy

9. **Adjournment – 9:00**

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