



Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

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Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Roll Call: Chair Miner, Vice-Chair Milliken, Members Goudey, Kittleson, Miller, O'Connor, Pavel, Sobul, Solari, and Tsutsui

Absent: Members Schaadt, Spitalnik, and Weinsten

Also Present: Will Provost, Staff Liaison; Gabrielle Ruxin, El Cerrito CivicSpark Fellow

1. **Council/Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** – Provost announced that the LimeBike dockless bikeshare program has launched in El Cerrito for a 6-month pilot program. Provost also announced that the Economic Development Committee is compiling metrics for an annual report card and they would like to ask the EQC what environmental indicators are important to measure.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – Cordell Hindler invited committee members to see “The Secret in the Wings” at the Contra Costa Civic Theater and recommended the EQC invite John Gioia to speak at a future meeting.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to approve the Tuesday, January 9th minutes (O'Connor, Tsutsui, unanimous).
4. **Presentation from Ram Narayanamurthy, Electric Power Research Institute**– Committee members heard a presentation on electrification and its impact on the grid. The EQC engaged in a discussion of how best to accelerate the electrification process and educate residents on the topic of electrification.
5. **EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**-
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Film and/or Educational Events
 - Film Showing- “Demain” (3/10)- Council Chambers 10am
 - Pavel noted that doors will open at 9:30am and morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. EQC members volunteered for roles to assist in the production of the screening.
 - Milliken recommended the film subcommittee look into purchasing compostable dishes and silverware to make the event as environmentally friendly as possible.
 - Motion to approve an additional \$750 for the film screening event to bring the total budget to \$1,250 (O'Connor, Tsutsui, unanimous).

- Future Workshops:
 - Workshop on Pollinators and Monarch Butterflies- (03/27)
 - Tsutsui will give an introduction to the EQC at the event and share information about MCE Deep Green.
 - Heat Pump Homes Tour, Electrification, and/or Solar
 - Ad-Hoc Subcommittee was established to include Goudey, Sobul, Solari, Miner, and Milliken.
- Green Team Cleanups:
 - February 17- Madera Property Broom Pull, 10am
 - March 4- Plaza BART and Ohlone Greenway
 - May 26- Northern Entryways
 - July 8- Cleanup TBD
 - September 15-Cleanup TBD
 - November 18- Northern Gateways- Baxter Creek
- Other Events:
 - Hillside Festival 2018 (5/4-5/6)
 - Earth Day (4/21)/ Work Parties
 - Miner announced the EQC will be working with PG&E to clear vegetation under power lines.
 - O'Connor announced that he will be leading a cleanup.
 - Provost noted that Public Works will have tables set up at the luncheon that the EQC can use.
 - Milliken and Miner offered to staff the EQC table at the luncheon, if needed.
 - Bike to Work Day (5/10)
 - Urban Forest Committee Arbor Day Ivy Pull (TBD)
 - Goudey noted that this event may not involve the EQC anymore
 - Goudey announced that the Urban Forest Committee is interested in partnering with the EQC for tree related green team events.
 - Sobul offered to help with this partnership.
 - Tsutsui announced that this is the third year of the City Nature Challenge. It is a three day competition using iNaturalist to measure biodiversity and it will take place April 27-30, 2018.
 - Motion to participate in the City Nature Challenge as part of the EQC's Earth Day outreach (Tsutsui, Milliken, unanimous).

6. Climate Action Plan Implementation

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

- MCE Deep Green 2017 Review
 - El Cerrito 100x100 webpage sign-ups= 54
 - Other DG enrollments= 159
 - 2017 Total DG enrollments= 213
 - 1.94% increase of total accounts
 - Milliken noted that these are the final numbers and previous numbers were incorrect.
- CCA & CPUC Updates
 - CPUC Resolution e-4907 - impacting future CCA programs

- Goudey reported that about 60 people opposed the resolution at the meeting, but it was still passed.
 - MCE Community Power Coalition
 - Miner announced that EQC members are able to participate in CPC meetings.
 - MCE Living Lightly Campaign
 - Milliken announced a new MCE campaign to get people to enroll in Deep Green by creating teams and registering people.

7. Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan-

Committee members heard updates on the El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Planning process.

- Public Meeting #3 & #4- TBD Spring 2018
- Next CAG meeting is Thursday, February 27th

8. Work Plan Policy Development-

Committee members discussed approach and next steps for researching policies identified in the work plan.

- Provost announced that the City would like the policy proposals to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Provost also mentioned AB 1826 requires three stream waste programs at facilities that produce a certain amount of solid waste and recommended subcommittee members look into policies that have been implemented in other cities. Provost suggested that City staff can come present at future EQC meetings about topics such as current waste requirements.
- Ad-hoc subcommittee members will do further research on the proposed policies.

9. Announcements and future agenda items

Heard committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items.

- Miner announced the Trail Trekkers will be opening a new trail and having a work party on February 17. They will continue to have work parties every third Saturday of the month.
- Provost solidified that a representative from the Economic Development Committee will come to the next EQC meeting to ask about important environmental metrics.
- Miner suggested that EQC members should be LimeBike ambassadors
 - Milliken added that a LimeBike representative should table at Earth Day and Bike to Work Day events.
- Solari asked about the possibility of sponsoring a Fix It Clinic in El Cerrito
 - Goudey noted that the organizers would prefer to partner with libraries and schools and want the events to be more ongoing.

10. Adjournment- 9:10 PM

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