



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

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**7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Rebecca Milliken; Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui; Members Howdy Goudey, Mark Miner, Beth Molnar, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel, Jeff Sobul, Renee Solari, Ellen Spitalnik, Sheila Tarbet, Gisele Verrier, and Dave Weinstein  
**Absent:** Members Daniel Hamilton and Alison Moreno  
**Also Present:** Paul Fadelli, Council Liaison; Will Provost, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
El Cerrito resident John Anderson spoke in favor of the City investigating prohibiting leaf blowers, particularly due to noise concerns. Resident Barbara Chan spoke in support of concerns around leaf blowers and stated she is looking forward to reviewing a Public Draft of the proposed Expanded Food Ware Ordinance.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**  
Provost mentioned an upcoming training for committee members on the Brown Act, taking place on December 2. He also noted the first Annual Environmental Art and Essay Contest for Teens in El Cerrito would be hosting a showcase for the winners.

Councilmember Paul Fadelli discussed the passage of Measure H and how it will support the City's financial health, while also supporting implementation of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. He noted the City's consideration of responding to a request for proposal (RFP) to provide police services to the Kensington community. Fadelli went on to discuss the proposal from BART to develop the El Cerrito Plaza BART parking lots, with the possibility of incorporating a new library into the development.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on Oct. 10, 2019.

**Moved/Second:** Members O'Conner/Molnar **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the **October 10, 2019** EQC meeting with one amendment **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None

**5. EQC Workplan 2020**

EQC Members reviewed and commented on the draft 2020 EQC Work Plan and Calendar of Events and participated in a discussion regarding updating the Work Plan for 2020.

El Cerrito resident Denice Dennis suggested and underscored the importance of featuring Climate Action at the core of the Committee's work plan.

**6. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding the planning of the EQC calendar of events, including:

- Educational Events, Films, and Workshops
  - SunShares 2019 Participation (August – November)
  - Green Team Cleanups:
    - November 2, Saturday, Baxter Creek - Debrief
  - EV 101 Workshop – January 29 at 6:30pm
  - BayRen Energy Efficiency Workshop (March)
  - Earth Day 2020 (April 18)
    - Members noted it will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - 7th Annual Hillside Festival – May 1 – 3
  - Film Event 2020
- EQC Meeting Presentations on Coyotes / Raptors (Tentatively December 2019)

Weinstein proposed dates for Green Team events in 2020.

**Moved/Second:** Members Weinstein/O'Conner **Action:** Passed a motion to approve a tentative schedule for Green Team events in 2020, including Jan. 18, Mar. 8, Apr. 18, Jun. 6, Aug. 16, and Oct. 23 **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None

**7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Committee members briefly discussed items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan, including:

- MCE Deep Green Initiative - "20K by 2020"
- CCA & CPUC Updates
- Implementation and Financing Options

**8. COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**

Committee members heard updates and discussed how to increase collaboration with the City's Urban Forest Committee.

**9. EQC "YEAR OF PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION" IMPLEMENTATION**

The EQC heard updates and participated in a discussion regarding implementation of the EQC's "Year of Plastic Pollution Prevention".

- Update on Development of Expanded Food Ware Ordinance  
Provost provided a brief update on the Administrative Draft of the Food Ware Ordinance and the expected timeline for sharing a Public Draft, doing business outreach, and holding public meetings.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee members made announcements and discussed suggestions for future EQC agenda items, including: Urban Greening Plan Implementation

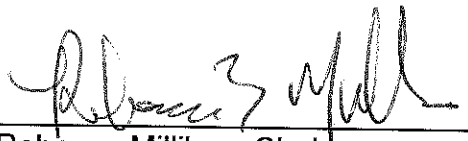
- City Purchased Vehicles
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- Wildfire Preparedness and Potential Efforts around Smoke/Air Pollution
- Meatless "Green Mondays"
- Environmental Quality Volunteer Awards – Formalizing and Renaming
- Lending Libraries for Tools, Toys, etc.
- Pest Management and Local Wildlife (e.g. raptors), and Coyote Education
- RPTT Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- PG&E Emergency Power Shutoff
- EQC Skills/Resource List
- Set 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule (December)

Pavel invited members to a Climate event in Berkeley on November 17.

Weinstein highlighted an upcoming Broom Pull volunteer event taking place November 16 with the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and Friends of Five Creeks.

Members spoke of a new program to support electric vehicle purchasing called "Drive Clean Bay Area".

**11. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.



Rebecca Milliken, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of **November 12, 2019** as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.



Will Provost Staff Liaison