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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Rebecca Milliken; Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui; Members Howdy Goudey, Daniel Hamilton, Mark Miner, Elizabeth (Beth) Molnar, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel, Jeff Sobul, Renee Solari, Ellen Spitalnik, Sheila Tarbet, and Dave Weinstein
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** *(Estimated time: 5 minutes)*
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** *(15 min.)*
Staff and/or Councilmember Janet Abelson may report on policies, priorities & significant actions taken by the City Council, and/or on matters of general interest to the EQC.
 - City of El Cerrito Budget Process Update
 - Battery Backup Grant Application for Recycling Center
 - Napa Recycling & Waste Services Agreement Renewal
 - City Operations during COVID-19
 - Proposed Expanded Foodware Ordinance
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(10 min.)*
 - Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on March 10, 2020.
 - Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Joint EQC and HRC meeting on July 1, 2020.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND RACIAL FRAMEWORK** *(30 min.)*
Discuss the Joint Statement approved by the HRC and EQC at the July 1, 2020 Special Meeting, and potential steps for the EQC to promote diversity and inclusion, and the idea of developing an environmental, social, and racial framework to guide future EQC efforts.

6. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS (25 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:

- Citywide Budget Discussions
- Educational Events, Films, and Workshops
 - Green Team Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - Proposed Dates (Pre-COVID): Aug. 16, Oct. 23
 - Socially Distanced Protocols
 - Coastal Cleanup Events – Self-guided Cleanups?
 - 7th Annual Hillside Festival (Postponed)
 - Bike to Work Day (Postponed to September 24, 2020)
 - BayRen Energy Efficiency Workshop
 - Online Workshop, 8/19, 5pm RSVP at <http://bayren819.eventbrite.com>
 - SunShares 2020 (Aug – Nov)
 - National Ride Electric Week Events?

7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (15 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
- MCEv Vehicle Rebate
 - Income Qualified Program for customers at 300% of Poverty Line
- MCEv Charging Grants for Workplaces and Multifamily Housing

8. Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair (10 min.)

Nominate and elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the EQC for a term beginning August 2020 and ending April 2021.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (10 min.)

Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC consideration of items including:

- Collaboration with the Urban Forest Committee
- EQC Collaboration with Young People in El Cerrito
- Tool/Toy Lending Library
- City Support for Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763)
- Urban Greening Plan Implementation
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- Community Member Suggestions (e.g. Meatless Green Mondays, Leaf Blowers)
- Real Property Transfer Tax Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- PG&E Emergency Power Shutoffs
- EQC Skills/Resource List

10. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison, Will Provost, at (510) 525-7622. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (7501 Schmidt Lane) during normal business hours.