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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Neil Tsutsui; Vice-Chair Beth Molnar; Members Howdy Goudey, Daniel Hamilton, Rebecca Milliken, Mark Miner, 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** *(5 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.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(5 min.)*
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on September 8, 2020.
5. **EQC Workplan 2021** *(70 min.)*
Review and comment on the EQC Work Plan and Calendar, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding updating the Work Plan for 2021.
6. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(10 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Educational Events, Films, and Workshops
 - Green Team Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - Oct. 24 – Northern Entryways
 - Fix-it Clinic(s)

- SunShares 2020 (register at www.bayareasunshares.org)
- Earth Day 2021?
- Electrification Workshop
- 7th/8th Annual Hillside Festival – May 2021?
- Coastal Cleanup Self-Guided Events – Debrief
- Bike to Wherever Day - Debrief
- National Ride Electric Week Events – Debrief

7. ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND RACIAL FRAMEWORK (10 min.)

Discuss how to build upon 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.

- Discuss the City of Oakland’s Equitable Climate Action Plan and use of a Racial Equity Indicators Assessment, the Contra Costa County Environmental Justice Assessment tool, organizing events and pursuing grant funding, and supporting programs for Contractors, as well as Multi-family and Low-income Households

8. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (5 min.)

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

- Electrification Efforts
 - Outreach/Education for Contractors
- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates

9. Plastic Reduction Efforts and Food Ware Ordinance (5 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the EQC’s Plastic Pollution Prevention efforts.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 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:

- Briefing from the Fire Department / How can the EQC help with preparedness?
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- PG&E Emergency Power Shutoffs
- 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
- Community Member Suggestions (e.g. Meatless Green Mondays, Leaf Blowers)
- Real Property Transfer Tax Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- EQC Skills/Resource List

11. 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.