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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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 Buddy Akacić, Howdy Goudey, Chris Lynch, 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 Mayor Paul Fadelli may report on policies, priorities, and 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 February 9, 2021.
- 5. EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS** *(10 min.)*
Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding interviewing and recommending for appointment new members to the EQC.
- 6. ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND RACIAL FRAMEWORK** *(40 min.)*
Discuss potential next steps for the EQC to promote diversity and inclusion, and the idea of developing an environmental, social, and racial framework or assessment tool to guide future EQC efforts.
 - Consider coordinating a training/presentation for the Committee.
- 7. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(20 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
 - Earth Day/Month 2021- Virtual Event?
 - Green Homes Tour
 - Green Team 2021 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - February 20, Saturday, Cerrito Creek (Debrief)
 - February 27, Madera Broom Pull (Debrief)
 - March 14, Madera Broom Pull
 - April 24, Saturday, Earth Day or Earth Month. TBD.
 - June 6, Sunday, Baxter Creek
 - Aug. 15, Sunday, Cerrito Creek
 - September, TBD, Coastal Cleanup
 - Oct. 16, Saturday, Northern Gateway Cleanup
 - Dec. 5, Sunday, Baxter Creek
 - 8th Annual Hillside Festival
 - City Nature Challenge 2021 (3rd week of April?)

8. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (20 min.)

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

- EQC Next Steps
- San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update/EIR – EQC Comments
- 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. COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE (5 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the City's Urban Forest Committee.

11. 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:

- **EQC Elections, Chair and Vice-Chair (April 2021)**
- Project Honoring and Commemorating Maria Sanders
- Recycling Update and EQC Support in Implementing Recent Legislation
- 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
- 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

12. ADJOURNMENT

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