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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING Chair Goudey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Howdy Goudey; Vice-Chair Simrun Dhoot; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Fred Bialy, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel (arrived late), Sheila Tarbet **Absent:** Members Eevelyn Mitchell and Rose Vekony **Also Present:** Christina Leard, Staff Liaison; Mayor Lisa Motoyama, Council Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** (*Estimated time: 5 minutes*)
Urban Forest Committee Member Robin Mitchell gave an update from the most recent Urban Forest Committee meeting. El Cerrito residents Tom Gehling and Steve Price provided public comment on items not on the agenda.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** (*2 min.*)
Council Liaison Mayor Lisa Motoyama provided a summary of the recent City Council Budget Workshop that took place on Tuesday, May 9 and provided updates on the budget process and timeline.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (*2 min.*)
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting April 11, 2023.
Move/Second: O'Connor/Akacić **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 EQC meeting. **Ayes:** Goudey, Dhoot, Akacić, Austin, Miner, O'Connor, Tarbet **Noes:** None **Abstain:** Bialy **Absent:** Pavel
5. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** (*3 min.*)
Staff and Committee members provided updates on recent events the EQC has supported and discussed plans for future events in 2023, including:
 - Green Team 2023 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - Apr. 15, Saturday, Earth Day cleanup Northern Gateways cleanup (debrief)
 - Apr. 15, Saturday, Earth Day work party, PG&E site on Mooser ROW (debrief)
 - **May 13**, Saturday, Motorcycle Hill broom pull; 1 to 3pm
(With El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and El Cerrito Cub Scout Pack 104)
 - June 10, Saturday, Northern Gateways Park cleanup
 - Aug. 13, Sunday, Creekside Park cleanup
 - Sept. 16, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Day, Baxter Creek Park cleanup
 - Oct. 22, Sunday, Northern Gateways cleanup
 - Dec. 3, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup (with regular Baxter volunteers)
 - Earth Day, Saturday, April 15, 2023 (debrief)
 - Hillside Festival, May 6 and 7, 2023 (debrief)
 - Bike to Work Day, Thursday May 18
 - East Bay Green Home Tour, Saturday May 20
 - 4th of July Planning & promotion of water bottle refill station

6. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) (105 min.)

EQC Members received a presentation from Maddie Seibert of Cascadia Consulting Group, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding development of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, including:

- CAAP Overview, Early Win Actions, Building Electrification Ordinance, and Engagement Approach
- EQC members viewed a list of 14 early win actions the City is considering and provided feedback to assist the City with choosing a shortlist of actions to prioritize, rank, and implement. EQC members also provided comments on individual early win actions and voted on the actions they thought the City should consider moving forward as early wins. The actions that received the most votes were:
 - 9 votes: #3: City building electrification
 - 8 votes: #12: Tree planting and #15: Broad outreach campaign
 - 7 votes: #6: Public EV charging and #16: Regional involvement
 - 6 votes: #9: Bike share program and #14: Climate dashboard
- Chair Goudey appointed members Bialy, Miner, Pavel, Austin and Goudey to a 4th of July ad-hoc subcommittee to support community engagement of the CAAP, with member Austin as chair.
- See additional meeting summary notes from Cascadia (attached).


7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (3 min.)

Staff and Committee members made announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items including:

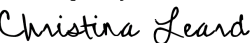
- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
- Sustainable Transportation report from City Staff (June)
- BAAQMD report from member Simrun Dhoot
- Fulbright residence on Climate Justice in Norway report from member Paloma Pavel
- Environmental, Social, And Racial Framework - Link to the [JEDI Tool](#)
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Films Series
- Integrated Pest Management Report from City Staff
- EQC Collaboration with Young People in El Cerrito
- Tool/Toy Lending Library
- Urban Greening Plan Implementation
- Community Member Suggestions (e.g. Meatless Green Mondays)
- Open Space Preservation
- Mitigation of heat effects; Federal Inflation Reduction Act

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Howdy Goudey, Chair

This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of May 11, 2023 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

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Christina Leard, Staff Liaison