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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Howdy Goudey; Vice-Chair Simrun Dhoot; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Fred Bialy, Mark Miner, Evelyn Mitchell, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel, Sheila Tarbet, Rose Vekony
- 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, as well as introduction by individuals interested in serving on the advisory body. 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 Lisa Motoyama may report on policies, priorities, and 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 June 13, 2023.
- 5. ENVIRONMENTAL ART** *(10 min.)*
Discuss a standing agenda item for presenting environmental art.
- 6. 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.
- 7. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(15 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Green Team 2023 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - 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)
 - 4th of July (Debrief)
 - Co-Sponsored film screening (The Street Project) w/ EC Strollers and Rollers; Date TBD
 - Sat. Oct. 21, 11am-3pm – Annual Ride Electric event adjacent to N. Berkeley BART
 - Consideration of a motion to be a community partner
- 8. EQC RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE COMMENDATION TO COREY MASON FOR PRODUCING THE 4TH OF JULY WORLDONE FESTIVAL** *(5 min.)*
Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding an EQC recommendation to City Council to give commendation to Corey Mason for producing the 4th of July worldOne Festival.

9. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) (5 min.)

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

10. PRESENTATION FROM EQC MEMBER PALOMA PAVEL (30 min)

Hear a presentation from EQC member Paloma Pavel about her experiences on a 3-month Fulbright residence in Norway last fall and her attendance at the United Nations Climate Summit in Egypt (COP 27) in November 2022.

11. PRESENTATION FROM EQC MEMBER SIMRUN DHOOT (30 min)

Hear a presentation from EQC member Simrun Dhoot on BAAQMD's efforts to reduce harmful impacts from natural gas appliances and wood smoke on Bay Area residents.

12. 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:

- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
- 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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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