



# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

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**CALL TO ORDER** – 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Robinson, Boyle, Cline, Cohen, Fergusson (Council Member Fergusson was slightly late due to a traffic accident)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The City of Menlo Park and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency are co-sponsoring two FREE water efficient landscaping classes in Menlo Park. These classes titled “Designing Attractive Landscapes Using Natives” and “Bird and Butterfly Friendly Landscaping: will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Burgess Recreation Center. Registration information is available on the City’s website.
- The City of Menlo Park is co-sponsoring a free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) recycling event on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Residents can bring compact fluorescent light bulbs (NOT fluorescent tubes) to the Menlo Park Library for recycling on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm only. The recycling event will take place at the library entrance (800 Alma Street). More information is available online at [flowstobay.org](http://flowstobay.org)
- Commissioner Training being conducted on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The training will be conducted by the City Attorney.
- The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Burgess Gymnasium and Gymnastics Facility Project is now available for public review. Copies are available at the City Library and the Community Development Department in the Administration Building, and the document is also available online at [menlopark.org/gym](http://menlopark.org/gym). There will be a public hearing on the Draft EIR at the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to comment either at the hearing or in writing.
- City of Menlo Park Presents: - **Celebrate Earth Day** Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. Author and illustrator Peter Brown's newest picture book, The Curious Garden, is the perfect Earth Day read-aloud. Join us for this enchanting tale of one boy's quest for a greener world... one garden at a time. You can help make the world a greener place with your very own "Plant Your Own Curious Garden" seed packet.
- **Teen Night: After Hours at the Menlo Park Library** Friday, April 24, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. An evening of do-it-yourself crafts and creativity. Bring a T-shirt to reconstruct, form a Wii Rock Band, play online games, and enjoy music, snacks and fun with your friends. Space is limited and pre-registration by a parent is required. Email Michelle Barrese at [barrese@plsinfo.org](mailto:barrese@plsinfo.org) for registration forms or see this flier for more details.
- **Multi-Cultural Event:** Come to the first annual Multi-Cultural Event/Open House on Friday, April 24, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Onetta Harris Community Center. This free event will celebrate the diverse cultures and backgrounds our community has to offer including a variety of food, music, and performances such as Blues, Salsa, Bellydancing, Soul Line Dancing, Faith Dancing, Poetry, and much more. For more information call 650.330.2250.

- This Sunday, April 26, 2009, at 12 noon will be the dedication of **renaming** Bayfront Park to **Bedwell-Bayfront Park** in honor of Mike Bedwell, City Manager of Menlo Park from 1964 to 1991. Mr. Bedwell was the City Manager of Menlo Park from 1964 to 1991. Mr. Bedwell was instrumental in converting the former Marsh Road landfill into the open-space park that it is today. At the September 9, 2008 City Council meeting, the Council voted to rename the park to Bedwell-Bayfront Park in honor of Mr. Bedwell. You are invited to come and attend the ceremony (which will be at the foot of the hill by the parking lot). This is also Kite Day at the park, so please come and reminisce with the Bedwell family and friends, and stay for kite flying!
- **Kite Day:** Sunday, April 26, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Bedwell-Bayfront Park. For \$5, you will receive a kite, hot dog, and drink. All ages are welcome.
- **Drive Less Challenge:** Register now for this week long event starting on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22 - 28 with a celebration on May 1. Great prizes by local businesses to be awarded on May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Kepler's! To register visit <http://drivelesschallenge.com>. For more info contact Adina Levin at [alevin@alevin.com](mailto:alevin@alevin.com)

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Presentations and Proclamations were done prior to Commission/Committee Vacancies, Appointments and Reports:

1. Mayor Robinson commended Chief Goitia and Commander Moir for the recent arrests made in an 18 month investigation involving Taliban Gang members and drug activities. Key Police staff was present and received recognition.
2. Mayor Robinson presented a proclamation to the Green Ribbon Citizens' Committee which was accepted by Gail Slocum, Patti Fry and Adina Levin, on behalf of the Green Ribbon Citizens' Committee.
3. Mayor Robinson presented a proclamation in honor of Arbor Day.
4. Kathy Lavezzo presented a rebate check to the City of Menlo Park for energy efficient projects.

#### A. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no commission/committee or Chamber reports

#### B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Moved ahead of A. Commission/Committee Vacancies, Appointments and Reports

#### C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Elizabeth Lasensky – On behalf of Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park and Kite Day
- Henry Riggs –(Time donated from Robert Anderson) Planning Commission decisions and FAR
- Morris Brown – Urging approval of the MOU for High Speed Rail and encourage support of the FAR
- Penelope Huang – Requesting funding on the Willows Traffic Study
- Patti Fry – FAR/GFA
- Gail Slocum and Adina Levin – In support of the Drive Less Challenge

#### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 1, 2 and 3 were pulled for questions and discussion.

1. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with various Peninsula cities to form the Peninsula Cities Consortium for interaction with the California High Speed Rail Authority ([Staff Report #09-054](#))

**Action:** Moved and Seconded (Robinson/Fergusson) and passed with Council Member Boyle dissenting.

2. Authorization of the City Manager to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$86,676 with TJKM Transportation Consultants to develop the Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study ([Staff Report #09-055](#))

**Action:** Moved and Seconded (Cline/Fergusson) and passed unanimously.

3. Waiver of reading of Ordinance #963 amending the Zoning Ordinance definition of Gross Floor Area and related provisions ([Staff Report #09-058](#))

**Action:** Moved and Seconded (Fergusson/Robinson) and passed with Council Member Boyle dissenting.

4. Acceptance of the City Council minutes for the meeting of April 14, 2009 ([Attachment](#))

**Action:** Moved and Seconded (Fergusson/Cline) and passed unanimously with minor amendments.

## E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

## F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a request for the City Council to determine that certain potential traffic impacts identified in the 1706 El Camino Real Transportation Impact Analysis are less than significant for a 10,166 square foot medical/dental office building ([Staff Report #09-057](#))

Two speakers on this item:

- Joe Colonna
- Don Barnby

**Action:** Moved and Seconded (Cline/Cohen) to adopt the Resolution as written. Passed unanimously.

2. Review of comments on the Draft Climate Action Plan and direction to staff regarding future updates of the Climate Action Plan ([Staff Report #09-056](#))

Council comments summary:

Two speakers on this item:

- Nils Davis – Future versions of CAP should include performance incentives. LEED or Build-it-Green points no good enough. Need specific standards for energy efficiency.
- Adina Levin – Disappointed that City not supporting Green Business program. Urge Council to approve this version (of CAP) as long as commit to revise/update, significant changes, ongoing.

### K. Fergusson:

1. Option 2 (of targets) should be more ambitious
2. Next version should look at land use and building standards at policy level
3. CAP should recognize current and previous actions/strategies by City with statement “not all inclusive.” Add Climate Smart, rebated projects and community-driven activities (e.g. GRCC formation, Drive Less Challenge).
4. Implementation of Green Business certification
5. Should mention San Mateo County Sustainability report (Energy Strategy 2012) and Green Business Certification Program
6. Should mention performance contracting as potential strategy
7. List references including documents provided by GRCC (handout provided by staff at meeting that was inadvertently left out of packet of comments)

### J. Boyle:

“Plan” does not mean must do. Difficult to support plan in May if not specific enough.

### A. Cohen:

Palo Alto focusing on increasing shuttle service. Should increase MP shuttle service or study. Should GRCC take an active role in research and analysis for CAP?

R. Cline:

Would like to see a set of actions with a timeline showing early-mid-long term implementation.  
Want an outline of next steps presented (with final CAP) in May.

H. Robinson:

Want specific actions in plan that City can implement now. How could City create sustainable funding source for climate work? Ask EQC to develop subcommittee. How can we create sustainable funding for this long term? Should consider a Climate/Energy Coordinator.

3. Consideration of state and federal legislative items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation, and items listed under Written Communication or Information Item

- AB 1121 – Limited Local Option for Ranked Voting Systems ([Attachment](#))

Two speakers on this item:

- Rob Dickinson– Provided updates and key points regarding Legislation AB 1121
- Elizabeth Lasensky – in support of this item

**Action:** Moved and Seconded (Fergusson/Cohen) to send a letter in support of AB 1121, and for future discussion on this legislation as well as ascertain information about the timelines.  
Passed unanimously.

**G. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

The City Manager did not have any reports.

**H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

There was no written communication.

**I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

No informational items.

**J. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Reports from City Council on various boards, conferences and regarding High Speed Rail

**K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

No speakers under public comment #2.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:48 p.m.

Pat Carson

Approved at the Council meeting of May 5, 2009