



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2007

Burgess Recreation Center
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Doug Scott (Chair), Dan Kocher, Jeff Jahnke, Jeanne Durnford, Mitch Slomiak, Jim Schott

Commissioners Absent: John Nash

Staff present: Dianne Dryer, Environmental Programs Coordinator

Public present: None

New Commissioners Mitch Slomiak and Jim Schott introduced themselves.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of August 1, 2007 Minutes: Approved by Scott, Kocher, Jahnke and Durnford; Slomiak and Schott abstained.

2. Environmental Quality Awards: Commissioners chose the following for awards this year: Zero Waste Lunch Programs at Encinal and Laurel Schools, St. Clair Gallery for energy efficient lighting, and Kepler's Bookstore for the Go Green Educational Events (Commissioner Slomiak recused himself from the vote on Kepler's due to possible conflict of interest).

3. Role of EQC Related to Historic Value of Park Theater

Commissioner Kocher reported on research he had done about the characteristics of buildings that qualify designation as an historic building: artistic architectural design and/or historic importance. He stated that the Park Theater does not have such qualifications. After discussion, Commissioners agreed that the Theater has no historic or artistic value.

C. Reports and Announcements

Dianne Dryer reported that the street tree survey may be conducted by West Coast Arborists, Inc., but the schedule is uncertain due to winter not being a good time for assessing the condition of trees. Commissioners questioned why a request for proposals was not issued. They would like to see a 5 to 10 year plan for street tree removal and replacement also. Commissioners expressed concern that the tree

planting season is likely to end by March and that this year's funding for tree planting may not be used.

Dianne Dryer announced that on Nov. 20th the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and the Green Ribbon Committee's Recommendations will be presented at the City Council meeting.