



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

**January 9, 2008**

Administration Building  
701 Alma Street, Menlo Park

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

**Commissioners Present:** Jeanne Durnford (Chair), Dan Kocher, Mitch Slomiak, John Nash

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeff Jahnke, Doug Scott, Jim Schott

**Staff present:** Dianne Dryer, Environmental Programs Coordinator

**Public present:** None

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Approval of December 5, 2007 Meeting Minutes:** Unanimously approved.

**2. FY 2008-09 Priority Project Recommendations for City Council:**

The Commission heard an overview by Mitch Slomiak of the Green Ribbon Citizens Committee's work on their proposals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Menlo Park. Commissioners discussed the projects on the GRCC proposal matrix that were assigned to the EQC for review. Out of that discussion came agreement on the following EQC recommendations to the City Council for priority projects for FY 2008-09:

1. Complete by September 2008, the Reforestation Survey of street trees and a 10 year Reforestation Plan, considering carbon impacts. Remove and replace 160 street trees throughout the city between October 2008 and February 2009. Explore outside funding sources for the multi-year reforestation effort.

2. Approve and implement the Acterra "Green at Home" program to assist residents and actively promote PG&E audit programs to assist businesses and commercial building owners to reduce energy use.

3. Complete and begin implementation of Menlo Park's "Climate Action Plan". The Commission strongly urges the Council to budget funds in FY 2008-09 in order to move forward expeditiously with near term actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**3. Representative for the El Camino Real/Downtown Vision Process, Oversight and Outreach Committee:** Dan Kocher volunteered and was approved as the Commission's representative.

**C. Reports and Announcements:** Dianne Dryer reported that the City had received approval of an Air District grant for \$25,000 to be used to develop a "Climate Action Plan" with the assistance of ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability. There will be Commission review and public meetings throughout the process of preparing the Plan. She also announced that Canopy, a local non-profit urban forest organization, will come to speak with the Commission at the February 6th meeting. Commissioners asked that they be provided a copy of the RFP/scope of services for the Reforestation Survey and Plan.