



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

**October 1, 2008**

Burgess Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Jeanne Durnford (Chair), Dan Kocher, Mitch Slomiak, John Nash, Doug Scott, Kristin Kuntz-Dureseti

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeff Jahnke (resigned)

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

**Public present:** None

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Approval of September 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes:** Unanimously approved.

**2. Selection of Environmental Quality Awards:** Commissioners selected the following seven of the nine nominations for awards:

John K. Mooney for resource conservation efforts at the apartment building at 1157 Willow Road

Tyco Electronics for energy conservation through updating lighting.

Tyco Electronics for a water conservation project

Pollock Realty Corporation for resource conservation in a remodeled building at 321 Middlefield Road

Mitchel Slomiak, Linda Herreshoff, Jordan Gruber, and Gail Slocum for resource conservation in a remodeled home at 205 Pope Street

Maddie Napel for her campaign to save heritage trees at Oak Knoll School

Bill and Carol Mince for their landscaping at 1300 Middle Avenue.

3. **Street Tree Reforestation Program Update:** Chairperson Durford volunteered to contact the Almanac newspaper about printing an article about why and how to water young trees, since there has been no rain since March. Dianne Dryer reported that the Street Tree Survey will be completed by early November. She said that the lifespan of many trees (especially liquidambers) can be extended through more frequent and proper pruning, according to the contract survey arborists and the City Arborist. Commissioner Scott commented that the challenge is budget. Commissioners discussed the possibility of increasing the street tree assessment fee next year and perhaps allowing property owners to pay qualified arborists to properly prune their street trees more frequently and get a refund of the City's cost to do it.
4. **Green @ Home program:** Dianne Dryer announced that a series of trainings for volunteers to conduct home audits have been scheduled and are on the City website. She asked Commissioners to spread the word.

### **C. Announcements and Reports**

Commissioner Slomiak reported that carbon emissions were up nearly 3% from 2006 to 2007, more than the worst case scenario estimated by scientists a few years ago.