



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Arrillaga Family Gymnasium Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Commissioners Present: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti (Acting Chair), Kathy Schrenk (Vice Chair), Douglas Scott, Christina Smolke, Mitch Slomiak, Daniel Kocher.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Rebecca Fotu, Environmental Programs Manager

Public Present: Joe Walmsley of the Green Ribbons Citizen Committee
Miriam Gordon, Clean Water Fund

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Walmsley of the Green Ribbons Citizen Committee challenged the Environmental Quality Commission to join the Drive Less Challenge (www.drivelesschallenge.com) that started in Menlo Park and has since spread to many other bay area cities. The challenge starts on Earth Day, April 22nd through May 5th.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Review of February Minutes

Action: Approved as presented.

M/S: Slomiak, Schrenk. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Plastic Pollution and Local Solutions

Presentation given by Miriam Gordon, the California State Director of the Clean Water Fund. Contact information: mgordon@cleanwater.org

Action: Continue item to next month, and consider formation of a subcommittee for community source reduction measures.

M/S: Kuntz-Duriseti/Slomiak. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Sustainable Building Requirements- Phase I

City staff presented a phased approach in requiring sustainable building measures in the community.

Action: Form a subcommittee to study this issue and provide feedback to Environmental Quality Commission for recommendations to City Council. Potential subcommittee members to be determined at a later date, but interested commissioners include Mitch Slomiak, Kristen Kuntz-Duriseti, and Christina Smolke.

M/S: Slomiak/Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

4. New Chair Vote

Action: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti as new Chair of the EQC.

M/S: Kocher/Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Certificate for Commissioner Byers

MEETING ADJOURNED APPROXIMATELY 08:30 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Rebecca Fotu, Staff Liaison.