



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Arrillaga Family Gymnasium Conference Room

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

Commissioners Present: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti (Chair), Kathy Schrenk (Vice Chair) (arrived at 6:41 pm), Douglas Scott, Christina Smolke (arrived at 6:54pm), Mitch Slomiak, Daniel Kocher.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Rebecca Fotu, Environmental Programs Manager

Public Present: None present

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comment received.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Review of March and April Minutes

Note: Additional Commissioners were needed to approve minutes for March since Commissioner Slomiak and Commissioner Kocher were not present at the March meeting.

Action: April Minutes Approved as presented.

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

2. Formation of a Source Reduction Committee

Action: None

Note: Commissioner Shrenk volunteered to provide more information on this subject for a future EQC meeting.

3. Sustainable Building Phase I and Formation of a Subcommittee for Phase II

1st Action: Provide the written comment below to City Council supporting Phase I Sustainable Building Requirements for Menlo Park.

Dear Council Members,

The EQC supports staff's recommendation to adopt Phase 1 standards currently under discussion that enable Menlo Park to exceed the state minimum energy efficiency building requirements by 15%.

We have consistently advocated that Menlo Park take a leadership role in addressing energy efficiency and climate change. The City's greatest leverage in doing so is in building and land use standards.

This measure will move Menlo Park in the right direction toward leadership in green building standards and addressing climate change.

We observed support within the community for such standards during the Menlo Gateway review process, which many believe was unduly complicated by insufficient City standards related to energy efficiency and CO2 emissions.

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

2nd Action: Request that the EQC's written comments be included in the staff report to City Council. In addition, an EQC commissioner will verbally deliver the EQC's recommendation when Phase I Sustainable Building is presented to City Council.

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

3rd Action: Form a subcommittee to assist with Phase II Sustainable Building requirements for Menlo Park. The subcommittee will include Commissioners Slomiak and Smolke.

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

4. Community Environmental Sustainability Policy

No Action at this time. To be brought back for discussion at next meeting.

C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Climate Action Plan Update
2. Arbor Day Planting
3. Drive Less Challenge

MEETING ADJOURNED APPROXIMATELY 08:40 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Rebecca Fotu, Staff Liaison.