



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Civic Center Administration Building
City Council Conference Room
701 Laurel Street

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Allan Bedwell, Chris DeCardy (Chair), Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Scott Marshall, Mitchel Slomiak (Vice Chair), Christina Smolke

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 30 minutes)

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B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approve April 24, 2013 Minutes ([Attachment](#))

B2. Discuss Potential Cancellation of a Summer EQC Meeting

B3. Discuss Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets and Funding and Next Steps

B4. Review Environmental Quality Commission Work Plan

B5. Discuss Environmental Quality Commission Quarterly Report to City Council

C. COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

C1. Staff Update on Environmental Policies to be Considered by City Council

C2. Commission Subcommittee Reports and Announcements

C3. Discuss Future Agenda Items

D. ADJOURNMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Chair Slomiak called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Allan Bedwell, Chris DeCardy, Adina Levin, Scott Marshall, Mitchel Slomiak (Chair), Christina Smolke (Vice Chair)

ABSENT: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

- Steve Schmidt asked about the status of the Tree Planting Program at Bedwell Bayfront Park and the longevity of the pesticides applied at Bayfront Park to exterminate grown squirrels.

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approve March 20, 2013 Minutes ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Marshall) to approve March 20, 2013 minutes passes (5-0-2), (Absent: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Abstain: Adina Levin).

B4. Discuss Update on the Status of the Potential Irrigation Well ([Attachment](#))

NOTES: This item was taken out of order.

Commissioner Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti arrives at 6:56 p.m.

The Commission indicated that they want to further discuss this item and re-develop recommendations to create a framework prior to bringing the item to Council.

Public Comment

- Mary Keeler stated that she does not support the potential project.
- Steve Schmidt stated that he supports the potential project as long as there is a benefit to the general public.
- Marjorie Zimmerman stated that she does not support the potential project.
- David Alfano stated that he does not support the potential project.

- D. Ellis stated that she does not support the potential project.
- Brielle Johnck stated that she does not support the potential project.
- Eric Humpress stated that he does not support the potential project.

ACTION: There was no action taken on the item.

B2. Discuss and Consider Electing a New Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: Motion and second (Slomiak/Kuntz-Duriseti) to elect Chris DeCardy as the new Chair with Mitch Slomiak to step down into the Vice Chair position passes unanimously.

B3. Informational Staff Presentation on the Use of Herbicides/Pesticides in City Operations

The Commission expressed an interest to have the item agendaized for a future EQC meeting for further discussion.

Public Comment

- Steve Schmidt expressed his disapproval of the use of herbicides and pesticides in City operations.
- Alex Cannara disapproves of the use of herbicides and pesticides in City operations as well as the City's use of goats for vegetation management.
- David Alfano expressed concerns over potential operational issues with the City's use of herbicides and pesticides.

ACTION: There was no formal action taken on the item.

NOTE: Commissioners Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti and Christina Smolke left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

B5. Receive Informational Quarterly Update on City Recycling Rates

The staff presentation was well-received by the Commission.

ACTION: There was no formal action taken on the item.

B6. Discuss Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets and Funding and Next Steps

Mitch Slomiak debriefed the Commission on the results of the recent Council study session. The Commission discussed the need to further explore potential funding

options for greenhouse gas reduction measures prior to bringing the item back to Council.

Public Comment

- Alex Cannara supports the adoption of a Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Target.

B7. Discuss and Consider Potential Changes in Subcommittee Composition

ACTION: Motion and second (Slomiak/DeCardy) to appoint Allan Bedwell to fill the vacancy on the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee previously held by Adina Levin passes (5-0-2), (Absent: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Christina Smolke).

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D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Vanessa Marcadejas, Environmental Programs Specialist

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