



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Civic Center Administration Building
City Council Conference Room
701 Laurel Street

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

ROLL CALL: Allan Bedwell, Chris DeCardy, Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti (arrived at 6:56pm), Adina Levin, Scott Marshall, Mitchel Slomiak (Chair), Christina Smolke (Vice Chair)

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 (4-0-3), (Absent: Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Abstain: Adina Levin, Christina Smolke).

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

NOTES: This item was taken out of order.

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 Kuechler stated that she does not support the potential project.
- Steve Schmidt stated that he does not support the potential project.
- 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 formal 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 agendized 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 leave 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.

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

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).

C. COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following updates were received by the commission:

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

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

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