



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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Chair DeCardy called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Allan Bedwell (arrives at 7:16 p.m.), Chris DeCardy, Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Deborah Martin, Mitchel Slomiak

**ABSENT:** Scott Marshall, Christina Smolke

### A. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Public Comment

- Ernst Meissner commented on his disapproval of the recent tree removal on Santa Cruz Avenue. He indicated that the tree in front of Chase Bank was removed 3-4 weeks ago due to the City conducting new landscaping work throughout the downtown area. Mr. Meissner says that the tree played an important role in continuing the string of lights downtown and he proposes that the City plant a large new tree next to the existing kiosk in order to continue the lights.

### B. REGULAR BUSINESS

**B1.** Approve June 26, 2013 Minutes ([Attachment](#))

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Kuntz-Duriseti/Martin) to approve the June 26, 2013 minutes passes (4-0-3), (Absent: Marshall, Smolke, Abstain: Slomiak).

**B2.** Receive Informational Quarterly Update on City Recycling Rates

The Commission received the report and thanked staff for their work on the report.

**ACTION:** No formal action was taken on this item.

**B3.** Discuss Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets, Funding, and Next Steps and Provide Direction to the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee ([Attachment](#))

The Commission continued to discuss the development of the greenhouse gas reduction target work plan. On behalf of the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee,

Commissioner Slomiak prepared a memo for the commission's review that included key topics that will need to be addressed by the EQC, City staff, and other stakeholders involved in funding and implementing initiatives to attain the 27%-by-2020 target.

**ACTION:** No formal action was taken on this item

**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 8:08 p.m.

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