



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM
City Administration Building
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marshall at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Scott Marshall (Chair), Deborah Martin, Chris DeCardy, Mitchel Slomiak, Alan Bedwell (Vice Chair), Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Christina Smolke

Absent: None

A. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

- B1.** Consider a Recommendation to the City Council on a Request to Remove Three Heritage Trees and Retain One Heritage Tree on Property Located at 700 Oak Grove Avenue and 1231 Hoover Street ([Attachment](#))

Carter Warr, Architect at CJW Architecture, provided a presentation to the commission.

(Commissioner Smolke arrives at 7:11 p.m.)

ACTION: Motion and second (Marshall/Slomiak) to (1) support the staff recommendation to keep tree #7, the 21" diameter Coast Live Oak since it adds value to the area and keeps a vibrant urban canopy in the neighborhood, and (2) request that the City and the waste disposal company, "Recology", allow some flexibility in the design of the trash enclosure that would potentially save the tree while meeting the needs of the proposed fire station, passes unanimously (7-0-0).

(Chair Marshall allowed Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti to give an update to the Commission on the GPAC subcommittee due to her need to leave the EQC meeting early.)

- B2.** Consider a Recommendation on a Request to Remove One Heritage Tree at 701 Laurel St. for Proposed Installation of Solar Carport and Identify Potential Planting Locations for Replacement Trees ([Attachment](#))

(Deborah Martin left meeting at 8:33 p.m.)

ACTION 1: Motion and second (Slomiak/Kuntz-Duriseti) to support removal of the 18" diameter Camphor tree as it applies to Heritage Tree Ordinance criteria 1, 2, and 8 passes unanimously 6-0-0 (Absent: Deborah Martin)

(Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti left meeting at 8:39 p.m.)

ACTION 2: Motion and second (Marshall/DeCardy) to recommend replacement trees to be planted in Burgess Park per the City Arborist's recommendations, passes unanimously 5-0-0 (Absent: Martin, Kuntz-Duriseti)

B3. Discuss and Review Previous EQC Recommendation to City Council on the City's Heritage Tree Ordinance ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Slomiak) to adopt proposed Heritage Tree recommendations per the amendments discussed by the commission, which will be forwarded in writing to staff by Heritage Tree Sub-committee member Christina Smolke passes unanimously 5-0-0 (Absent: Martin, Kuntz-Duriseti)

B4. Review and Discuss Potential Environmental Projects for the Draft Five-Year CIP for 2015-2020 ([Attachment](#))

Heather Abrams, Environmental Programs Manager, provided a presentation to the commission.

ACTION: No formal action was taken. The Commission will continue the discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan and recommend priorities at the next EQC meeting.

B5. Approve October 22, 2014 Minutes ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Slomiak/DeCardy) to approve minutes per the revision discussed by the commission passes 4-0-3 (Abstain: Smolke, Absent: Martin, Kuntz-Duriseti)

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 10:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Allan Bedwell, Environmental Quality Commissioner

Meeting minutes prepared by Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Programs Specialist

Minutes accepted at the meeting of January 28, 2015.