



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 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 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Allan Bedwell (Vice Chair), Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Scott Marshall (Chair), Deborah Martin (arrives at 6:45 p.m.), Mitchel Slomiak

Absent: Chris DeCardy, Christina Smolke

A. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approve May 28, 2014 Minutes

ACTION: Motion and Second (Slomiak/Bedwell) to approve the May 28, 2014 minutes passes (4-0-3), (Absent: DeCardy, Martin, Smolke)

B2. Informational Staff Presentation on the Use of Herbicides/Pesticides in City Operations

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Dave Mooney, Parks Supervisor gave a presentation to the Commission.

Public Comment

Jennifer Berkhout expressed her concerns over the spraying of herbicides/pesticides in Nealon Park (adjacent to Menlo Atherton Cooperative Nursery School) in March 2014. Ms. Berkhout urged staff to provide more information in the future regarding when and where herbicides/pesticides are being sprayed.

B3. Discuss Environmental Quality Commission New Two-Year Work Plan for 2014-2016

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The Commission will continue their Work Plan discussion at the next EQC meeting.

B4. Discuss and Potentially Remove and Create New Environmental Quality Commission Subcommittees and Appoint Members to Subcommittees

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The Commission will continue their Subcommittee arrangement discussion at the next EQC meeting.

B5. Discuss the Potential Cancellation of a summer EQC Meeting

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The item will be tabled for a future EQC meeting.

B6. Debrief on Environmental Quality Awards Ceremony

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Commissioner Martin debriefed the commission on the outcome of the Environmental Quality Awards Pre-Awards Reception and Ceremony and discussed potential improvements to the awards planning process in the future. After the debrief, the Commission discussed no longer continuing the Environmental Quality Awards annually as they have done in the past and instead proposed requesting Council to award proclamations as exemplary actions are identified in the community.

B7. Discuss Assigning Minute Taking from Staff to a Commissioner

ACTION: Motion and Second (Bedwell/Marshall) to rotate minute taking between commission members (excluding the Chair) on a monthly basis, passes (5-0-2), (Absent: DeCardy, Smolke)

B2. 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

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Minutes accepted at the meeting of July 23, 2014.