



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 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 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Deborah Martin

A. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approve June 25, 2014 Minutes

ACTION: Motion and Second (Slomiak/Bedwell) to approve the June 25, 2014 minutes with the following two amendments (1) providing clarification to the action for item B6 to state that the EQC will no longer have the Environmental Quality Awards annually as they have done in the past and instead will present awards as needed as a proclamation through Council, as exemplary actions are identified, and (2) to provide clarification to the action for item B7 to state that the Chair is to be excluded from minute taking passes (4-0-3), (Absent: Martin, Abstain: DeCardy, Smolke)

B2. Discuss the Potential Cancellation of a summer EQC Meeting

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Each commission member discussed their availability and determined that summer meetings will commence as scheduled.

B3. Appoint Environmental Quality Commission Representative to the General Plan Advisory Committee

ACTION: Motion and Second (Slomiak/Bedwell) to take a tiered approach and nominate commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti as the EQC representative, and if prior to the August 19th Council meeting she determines that she is unable to fulfill the responsibilities, commissioner Bedwell will be the second nominee, and commissioner DeCardy as the third, passes (6-0-1), (Absent: Martin)

B4. 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.

B5. 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.

B6. Discuss Quarterly Report to the City Council

ACTION: Motion and Second (DeCardy/Kuntz-Duriseti) for Chair Marshall to deliver the EQC Quarterly Report to Council as outlined below passes (6-0-1), (Absent: Martin).

- Introduce himself as the new EQC Chair
- Update on the five priorities they identified for their 2014-2016 Work Plan
- Update on the herbicide/pesticide item that was discussed at their June meeting (that staff is conducting a trial)
- EQC's action in recommending that a new specialist be hired for CAP initiatives
- Mention Environmental Projects/Measures in the CIP

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

C. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Minutes accepted at the meeting of August 27, 2014.