



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION FINAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center – Juniper Room
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION

This meeting was called to order by EQC Chair Scott Marshall at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Allan Bedwell (Vice Chair), Andrew Barnes, Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Scott Marshall (Chair), Christina Smolke

Absent: Chris DeCardy, Deborah Martin

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally Cole, resident of Menlo Park, commented on the lack of enforcement in the Heritage Tree Ordinance. She suggested the Heritage Tree Ordinance be disclosed to Menlo Park home buyers during point of sale.

Betsy Nash, resident of Menlo Park, suggests adding a check box in the Heritage Tree Appeal application to indicate if the applicant is planning to develop the property.

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Introduce the newly appointed EQC Commissioner, Andrew Barnes

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The commissioners welcomed Andrew Barnes into the EQC and received a brief introduction on his experience and goals while on the commission.

(Chair moved item B4 before item B2)

B4. Discuss and Potentially Make Recommendations to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to incorporate sustainability goals into the General Plan

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti provided the commission with a brief update on the GPAC.

B2. Discuss and Make Recommendations to City Staff on the Draft Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy ([Handout](#))

ACTION: Motion and Second (Marshall/Kuntz-Duriseti) to recommend Option 2 as presented by staff with an amendment to pursue an RFP, passes (4-1-2), (Nayes: Bedwell; Absent: DeCardy, Martin)

(Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti leaves at 7:25 pm)

- B3.** Informational Presentation from Diane Bailey, Executive Director of Menlo Spark on the California Clean Power Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) ([Handout](#))

Public Comment

Jan Butts commented that California Clean Power is a new and unknown company, which should be fully explored and vetted. She suggests consulting with CCA expert Shawn Marshall, the Executive Director of LEAN Energy US, who served as Marin Energy Authority's (MEA) founding Vice Chair. MEA is the joint powers agency that runs Marin Clean Power, the first CCA in California.

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The CAP Subcommittee will provide updates and a potential recommendation to the EQC during the next meeting.

- B5.** Debrief on Arbor Day Tree Planting Event ([Handout](#))

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Chair Marshall provided the commissioners with highlights and photos of the event.

- B6.** Approve April 22, 2015 Minutes ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The Commission would like this item reagendaized for next meeting.

- B7.** Select Commission Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: Motion and second (Marshall/Smolke) to select Commissioner Bedwell as EQC Chair, passes (4-0-3), (Absent: DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Martin)

C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm

Meeting minutes taken by Allan Bedwell, Environmental Quality Commissioner

Meeting minutes prepared by Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Programs Specialist

Minutes accepted at the meeting of June 24, 2015