

# Environmental Quality Commission



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 8/26/2015

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Senior Center**

**110 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

**A.** Chair Bedwell called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Barnes, Chair Bedwell, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke  
Staff: Environmental Services Manager Heather Abrams, Environmental Services Specialist Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Services Specialist Vanessa Marcadejas

**C. Public Comment**

- Doug Devine expressed concern regarding the effects of the excavation at 1020 Hermosa Way on the property's two (2) Coastal Redwood heritage trees
- Nancy Devine spoke on accountability in regards to the Heritage Tree Ordinance
- Susan Schendel expressed that homeowners should be responsible for upholding the Heritage Tree Ordinance
- Sherman Eaton shared possible remedies for heritage trees that are removed or dead

Vice Chair Martin arrived at 6:58 p.m.

A consensus was reached by all the EQC commissioners to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the Heritage Trees at 1020 Hermosa Way.

Commissioner Barnes arrived at 7:39 p.m.

**D. Regular Business**

Chair moved items B3 and B2 before item B1.

**D1.** Discuss and Adopt Criteria for Evaluation of Community Choice Energy (CCE) Options - 30 mins

Public Comment

- Jan Butts congratulated the EQC (Environmental Quality Commission) on the criteria and spoke in favor of a joint powers authority versus a for-profit CCE administrator.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Martin/DeCardy) to approve criteria and objectives for evaluating CCE options, passes (7-0-0).

- D2. Informational Presentation on Peninsula Clean Energy by Jim Eggemeyer, Director of Sustainability, County of San Mateo – ([Attachment](#)) - 30 mins

**ACTION:** Jim Eggemeyer provided the commission with an informative presentation. No formal action was taken.

- D3. Discuss and Potentially Make Recommendations to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to Incorporate Sustainability Goals into the General Plan - 30 mins

**ACTION:** Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti provided the commissioners with a GPAC update. EQC members discussed inviting City Council Member Mueller to next meeting to discuss environmental items of importance in the General Plan process. No formal action was taken.

Chair moved items B4 after B7.

- D4. Discuss EQC 2-Year Work Plan and Subcommittee Assignments, and Possibly Reassign Subcommittee Members – 30 mins

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Bedwell/Marshall) to approve moving item B4 to September EQC meeting, passes (7-0-0)

Commissioners Kuntz-Duriseti and DeCardy left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

- D5. Annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan (CAP) update – ([Attachment](#)) - 30 mins

**ACTION:** EQC members expressed support for this informational item and having staff present it to City Council. No formal action was taken.

- D6. Receive Update on the CA State Draft Model Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance (MWELO) – ([Attachment](#)) – 15 mins

**ACTION:** Staff provided the Commission with an informative presentation. No formal action was taken.

- D7. Approve June 24, 2015 Minutes – ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Bedwell/Martin) to approve minutes with edits, passes (5-0-2), (Abstain: DeCardy, Marshall)

## **E. Reports and Announcements**

- E1. Staff Update on Environmental Policies to be considered by City Council – 5 mins

- E2. Commission Subcommittee Reports and Announcements – 2 mins

- E3. Discuss Future Agenda Items – 5 mins

## **F. Adjournment**

Chair Bedwell adjourned meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Commissioner Scott Marshall

Meeting minutes prepared by S. Ignacio, Environmental Services Specialist

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