

Environmental Quality Commission



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/30/2015
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Past-Chair DeCardy called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Barnes, Chair Bedwell (arrived at 6:56 p.m.), DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti (left at 9:30 p.m.), Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke
Absent: Vice Chair Martin, Smolke
Staff: Environmental Services Manager Heather Abrams

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Regular Business

D1. Informational presentation on PG&E Renewable Power Efforts and Options, by Sapna Dixit with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) - *30 mins*

ACTION: Sapna Dixit presented information on PG&E solar choice programs and their renewable energy portfolio for information and questions from the EQC. No formal action was taken.

D2. Discuss EQC 2-Year work plan and subcommittee assignments, and possibly reassign subcommittee members ([Attachment](#)) - *30 mins*

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Bedwell) to keep the work plan as currently stated and to adjust the EQC sub-committee assignments as follows: Barnes replacing DeCardy on Water; DeCardy replacing Slomiak on Creek; affirming Martin replacing Slomiak on Climate; adding Barnes to General Plan, passes (5-0-2).

D3. Discuss and potentially make recommendations to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to incorporate sustainability goals into the General Plan - *30 mins*

ACTION: Motion and second (Bedwell/Marshall) to deputize the General Plan subcommittee to work from the EQC's previous letter to the GPAC and other relevant sources of information on a statement in support of incorporating strengthened sustainability measures in the General Plan to be delivered by Commissioner Barnes at the next City Council meeting, passes (5-0-2).

- D4. Approve a letter drafted by the CAP Subcommittee regarding the Annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan (CAP) update - 30 mins

Public Comment: Mitch Slomiak provided his context and background on the city history and commitment to a climate action plan, stating that in the past Menlo Park historically has been a leader relative to other Bay Area communities regarding greenhouse gas reductions and now needs to act to provide high percentage clean power if it is to meet its 2020 emission reduction goals.

ACTION: Motion and second (Bedwell / Marshall) to adopt the letter as presented and submit it to City Council, passes (5-0-2).

- D5. Update on the request to remove seven heritage trees at 133 Encinal Avenue ([Attachment](#)) - 10 mins

ACTION: Staff provided a brief update based on the attachment. No formal action taken.

- D6. Approve August 26, 2015 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Marshall) to approve the minutes as prepared, passes (3-0-4).

- D7. Discuss and possibly change EQC meeting dates for 2015 ([Attachment](#)) – 5 mins

ACTION: Motion and second (Bedwell/DeCardy) to hold the next EQC meeting on October 28th and to combine the November and December meetings on December 9th, passes (5-0-2).

E. Committee/Subcommittee Reports

- E1. Update from the Water Resources Subcommittee

No update was provided.

- E2. Update from the San Francisquito Subcommittee

No update was provided.

- E3. Update from the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Subcommittee

No update was provided beyond item D4.

- E4. Update from the Heritage Tree Ordinance Subcommittee

No update was provided.

- E5. Update from the General Plan Subcommittee

No update was provided beyond item D3.

F. Informational Items

F1. Update on the Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance

Heather Abrams reported City Council will receive an informational WELO update on October 6, 2015.

F2. Update on the Special Meeting to be scheduled regarding heritage trees at 1020 Hermosa Way

Abrams reported the City Attorney is continuing to work on the case.

G. Adjournment

Chair Bedwell adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Chris DeCardy, EQC Commissioner

Meeting minutes prepared by Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Services Specialist

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