

# Environmental Quality Commission



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 10/28/2015  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**City Council Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Administration Building**  
**701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

**A.** Vice Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

### **B. Roll Call**

Present: Barnes, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke

Absent: Chair Bedwell

Staff: Environmental Services Manager Heather Abrams, Environmental Services Specialist Sheena Ignacio

### **C. Public Comment**

- Doug Devine expressed concern regarding the effects of excavation on two (2) Coastal Redwood heritage trees at 1020 Hermosa Way
- David Alfano commented on potential effects of herbicide overspray on trees

Smolke arrives at 6:42 pm

Scott arrives at 6:46 pm

### **D. Regular Business**

- D1. Discuss and possibly recommend to City Council the Bicycle Commission proposed Oak Grove-University bike boulevard ([Handout](#)) – 15 mins

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Marshall/Martin) to write a letter of support endorsing the Oak Grove/University Bike Boulevard pilot, passes 5-1-1 (Ayes: DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke; Nays: Barnes; Absent/Abstain: Chair Bedwell).

Motion and second (Barnes/DeCardy) to endorse the Oak Grove/University Bike Boulevard pilot, passes 6-0-1 (Ayes: Barnes, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke; Absent/Abstain: Chair Bedwell).

- D2. Receive informational arborist report ([Handout](#)) – 30 mins

**ACTION:** No formal action was taken on this item. Christian Bonner, City Arborist, provided the commission with a status update on the City's urban canopy.

- D3. Discuss and potentially make a recommendation to City Council on San Mateo County Community Choice Energy ([Attachment](#)) ([Handout](#)) – 30 mins

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Kuntz-Duriseti/Barnes) to pursue the participation in the formation of the San Mateo County Peninsula Clean Energy with the goal of maximizing environmental and economic interest of Menlo Park; in addition, the commission expressed they would like to have the opportunity to continue to review and advise Council on this matter, passes (6-0-1) (Ayes: Barnes, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke; Absent/Abstain: Chair Bedwell).

Smolke leaves at 9:49 pm

- D4. Discuss quarterly report to City Council – 10 mins

**ACTION:** No formal action was taken on this item. H. Abrams provided a brief updated on items discussed.

- D5. Discuss EQC Work Plan items upcoming ([Attachment](#)) – 15 mins

**ACTION:** Commission requested staff to update the EQC work plan based on the September 30, 2015 meeting. No formal action was taken on this item.

Kuntz-Duriseti leaves at 10:10 pm

- D6. Receive quarterly recycling update ([Handout](#)) – 10 mins

**ACTION:** S. Ignacio provided an informational presentation. No formal action was taken on this item.

- D7. Discuss and possibly approve the December 9, 2015 EQC meeting location – 2 mins

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Marshall/Martin) to hold the next EQC meeting at the Belle Haven Senior Center, passes 4-0-3 (Ayes: Barnes, DeCardy, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin; Absent/Abstain: Chair Bedwell, Kuntz-Duriseti, Smolke).

- D8. Approve September 30, 2015 Environmental Quality Commission special meeting minutes ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Barnes/Marshall) to approve the September 30, 2015 minutes, with corrections to subcommittee membership, passes 4-0-3 (Ayes: Barnes, DeCardy, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin; Absent/Abstain: Chair Bedwell, Kuntz-Duriseti, Smolke).

## **E. Committee/Subcommittee Reports**

- E1. General Plan Subcommittee – 10 mins

Brief update from subcommittee regarding comments delivered to City Council on October 6, 2015 and meeting with Planning Department staff.

E2. Future agenda items – 5 mins

- San Francisquito Creek subcommittee to provide an update on San Francisquito Creek JPA storm preparedness Efforts

**F. Informational Items**

F1. Update on WELO informational item delivered to City Council on October 6, 2015 ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

H. Abrams provided the commissioners with an update.

F2. Menlo Park blog update from October 9, 2015 – 2 mins

H. Abrams provided the commissioners with an update regarding San Francisquito Creek activity in anticipation of large storms.

F3. Climate Action Plan (CAP) update on informational item delivered to City Council on October 20, 2015 ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

H. Abrams provided commissioners with a brief update.

F4. Future agenda items – 2 mins

- Provide update on City Council's study session about CCE
- WELO Ordinance
- Solid Waste Rate Increase

**G. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by EQC Commissioners Kuntz-Duriseti, Chris DeCardy

Meeting minutes prepared by Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Services Specialist

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