Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3/21/2018 Time: 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Chair London called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: DeCardy, Dickerson, London, Marshall

Absent: Bedwell, Martin, Smolke

Staff: Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky and Sustainability Assistant Hannah Guenther

C. Public Comment

 Judy Rocchio spoke about the environmental impacts of the Caltrans Willow Road/U.S. 101 interchange project

D. Regular Business

D1. Nominate a commissioner to serve on the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Oversight and Outreach Committee.

Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Chair London/Marshall) to nominate Joyce Dickerson to serve on the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Oversight and Outreach Committee (4-0-3; Bedwell, Vice Chair Martin, and Smolke absent).

D2. Discuss and consider recommending the City Council amend the Climate Action Plan to incorporate new greenhouse gas reduction strategies for 2018-2020.

Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Dickerson) to advise the City Council to amend the Climate Action Plan to replace the existing strategies between 2018 and 2020 with two new strategies:

- Extend the green design standards from the ConnectMenlo area to the Downtown Specific Plan area
- 2. Undertake a communitywide electric vehicle infrastructure policy and program analysis that would ultimately lead to a Community Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Master Plan

The motion also authorized the Climate Action Plan subcommittee to send a letter to City Council advising inclusion of green design standards in the Downtown Specific Plan similar to the ConnectMenlo area and stated that an available EQC commissioner will present the letter when the bi-annual review of the Downtown Specific Plan is presented at a City Council meeting tentatively scheduled for April 2018. The motion passed (4-0-3; Bedwell, Martin and Smolke absent).

D3. Approve the February 21, 2018, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Marshall) to approve the February 21, 2018, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes. The motion passed (4-0-3; Bedwell, Martin and Smolke absent).

D4. Consider requests for future agenda items

The Commission identified the following as future agenda items:

- 1. Willow Road Interchange Revegetation
- 2. Heritage Tree Ordinance Update
- 3. Chair London to report on AB-1745
- 4. Councilmember Carlton to present League of Cities initiatives related to sustainability

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Subcommittee reports

There were no subcommittee reports.

E2. Individual commissioner reports

Commissioner DeCardy provided an update from the Transportation Master Plan Oversight and Outreach Committee.

E3. Staff update and announcements

Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky introduced new Senior Sustainability Specialist Alexandria Skoch.

F. Adjournment

Chair London adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Hannah Guenther.