



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12/15/2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

A. Call To Order

Vice Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Elkins, Evans (Vice Chair), Gaillard, Kabat (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Price

Absent: London

Staff: Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve the November 17, 2021 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Gaillard/ Price), to approve the November 17, 2021 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes, passed 5-0 (London absent).

D2. Consider ICLEI invitation to join ICLEI150 to receive additional technical climate action plan support, including establishing science-based targets and identifying high-impact climate actions (Attachment)

Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky introduced the item.

ICLEI program officer Calyn Hart made a presentation (Attachment).

ACTION: Motion and second (Evans/ Elkins), to recommend joining ICLEI Race to Zero, while maintaining the 2030 carbon neutral goal and further recommend the City Council requests creating a subgroup of cities that have a 2030 carbon neutral goal, passed 5-0 (London absent).

Recess

The Environmental Quality Commission took a recess at 7:27 p.m.

The Environmental Quality Commission reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

D3. Selection of a new chair and commissioner(s) to the transportation decarbonization subcommittee

Vice Chair Evans introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gaillard/ Kabat), to select Commissioner Price as chair of the Environmental

Quality Commission, passed 5-0 (London absent).

The Environmental Quality Commission continued the selection of commissioner(s) to the transportation decarbonization subcommittee to a future meeting.

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Reports and Announcements from staff and commissioners

Commissioner Gaillard:

- Provided an update about the home electrification presentations given by Gaillard and Commissioner Kabat on November 30 and December 1, 2021
- Reported on Ithaca, New York's 2030 building electrification goal and funding program
- Provided information about new California rebates for heat pump water and space heaters

Vice Chair Evans:

- Reported on building electrification pilots

Commissioner Kabat:

- Reported on Half Moon Bay's electrification building code requirements and its natural gas goal
- Reported on local community choice aggregates work on reach codes for the 2022 code cycle

Sustainability Manager:

- City Council has reorganized:
 - Mayor Nash was appointed as the Environmental Quality Commission liaison
 - Mayor Nash and Vice Mayor Wolosin were appointed to the City Council Climate Action Plan Subcommittee Nos. 1-5 ad-hoc subcommittee
 - A new City Council ad-hoc subcommittee for climate resiliency (Climate Action Plan Subcommittee No. 6) was created, consisting of Mayor Nash and City Councilmember Taylor
- Reported on upcoming City Council items:
 - Menlo Park Community Campus microgrid project status
 - Climate action plan strategy goal no. 5 (municipal decarbonization) planning
- Upcoming City Council Climate Action Plan Subcommittee and Environmental Quality Commission Building Decarbonization Subcommittee meetings
- Provided update on building electrification survey results

F. Adjournment

Vice Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Candise Almendral, Sustainability Contractor

Minutes approved at the February 16, 2022 Environmental Quality Commission meeting